

FRIENDS to sponsor 'Home for the Holidays'

Friends of the Animal Shelter in Hancock County is sponsoring two holiday events on Saturday, Dec. 11, you won't want to miss. This date is important for several reasons. First because you get to tour seven beautiful homes in Bay St. Louis decorated for the holidays. Some are old historic renovations and some are new construction.

Second, if you're looking for the perfect Christmas gift, consider giving the gift of love by adopting a shelter pet or have your pets and/or child's photo taken with Santa. Finally, proceeds from these two events go to continue FRIENDS work to improve the lives of the animals of Hancock County.

The goal of the organization is to eliminate euthanasia as a means of controlling the pet over-population through positive prevention programs.

FRIENDS offers many programs such as, our free spay & neuter certificates,



The Main St., Bay St. Louis home of Robert Kane is just one of seven that will be on the "Home for the Holidays" home tour to benefit Friends of the Animal Shelter in Hancock Co. grass roots educational program and support of the Waveland Animal Shelter.

For more information on

6:30 p.m.

The tour houses are located at 306 Main Street, 308 Main Street, 346 Main Street, 349 Main Street, 202 Toulme Street, 107 Toulme Street, 303 N. Toulme Street.

Tickets are available for a minimum donation of \$5 prior to the event at the following locations: BOOKENDS 111 Hwy 90, PURPLE SNAPPER, 111 Main Street, PET HAVEN VETERINARY HOSPITAL, 2016 Beningo Lane, or ANIMAL HOSPITAL of DIAMONDHEAD, 1089 Tina Ladner Vick Faye Rd.

Tickets can also be purchased for \$7 as you begin your tour at any home. Each tour house will have a sign in the yard.

Free trolley service is provided by Hancock Bank and will be available throughout the tour from downtown Main Street, Beach Blvd and Nacaise Street. Join us for fun, carolers, music and refreshments.

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Saturday, Dec. 11th - Off-site pet adoptions & photos with Santa will take place from

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at K-Mart on Hwy 90 in Waveland.

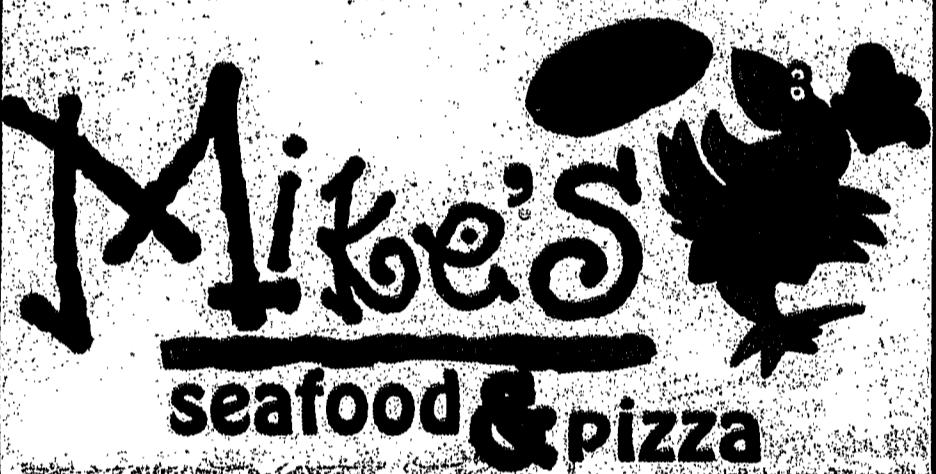
Photos with Santa will be available for a minimum donation of \$5 with an 8" x 10" digital photo for \$10.

In the spirit of the season FRIENDS is offering to pay 50 percent of the \$65 adoption fee for any shelter animal adopted during the month of December until Christmas. For just \$37.50 you can give the gift of life to a shelter animal and the joy of a new addition to your family.

Each adoption includes a spay or neuter, micro-chip, worming, flea bath, free rabies shot and vet check. Call the Waveland Animal Shelter at 467-0230.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Presenting some of the finest Restaurants on the Mississippi Gulf Coast



Mike's Seafood & Pizza

Mike's Seafood & Pizza at the corner of Hwy 90 and Kiln Waveland Cutoff Road is proud to offer their valued patrons some of the finest food on the Gulf Coast. All dishes are prepared with the highest quality, freshest ingredients available. The appetizers range from freshly shucked oysters on the 1/2 shell to a generous portion of delectable coconut shrimp.

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If your appetite is not quite that hearty you should try the very popular house special basket. You will be served 8 shrimp, 3 oysters and 2 catfish strips along with french fries and bread for only \$4.95!

The salads are fresh and crisp and include a delicious caesar salad. You can add chicken, shrimp or oysters to your salad for only \$2.00 more.

The po-boys are always a popular choice at Mike's. The shrimp, oysters and catfish are fried to a delicate golden brown and are piled generously atop fresh french bread.

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The calzones are stuffed with their homemade Sicilian white sauce and can be customized with your favorite toppings.

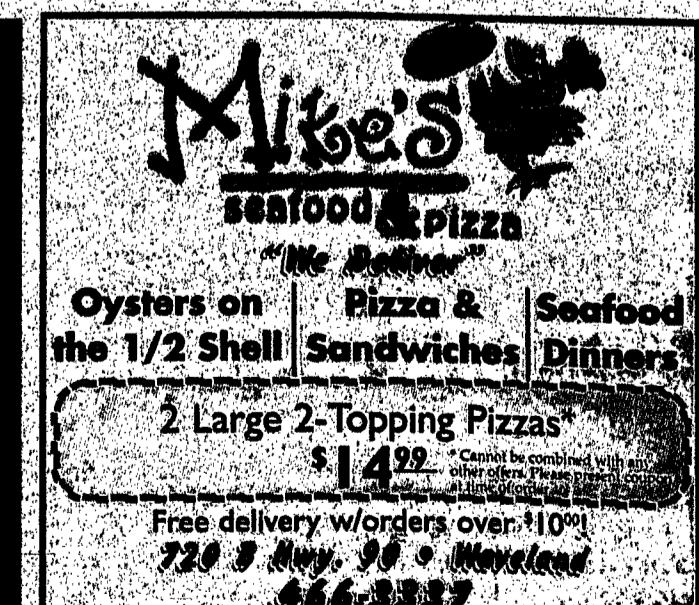
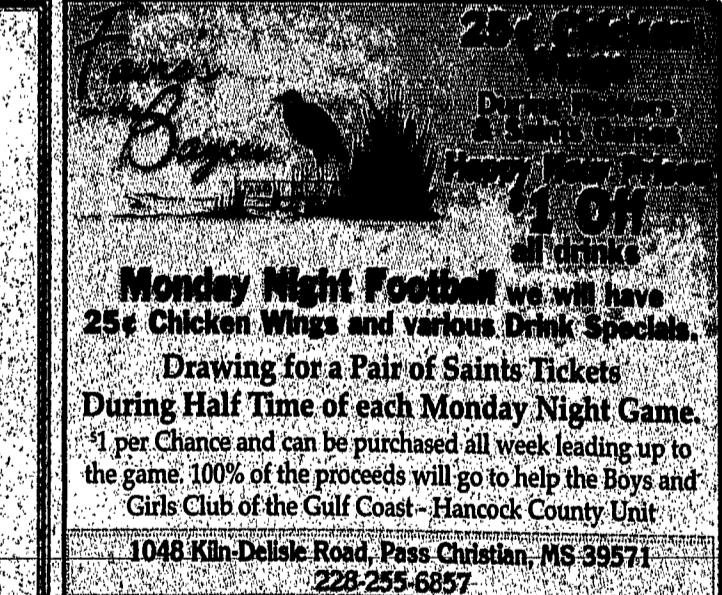
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Opinion



Cuevas'

Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

All The Best At Thanksgiving

'Tis the Season again already

A very interesting selection of Art Work is on display at the Bay St. Louis Depot through Friday, December 17.

Selected Works from the Horn Island Work Shop Experience, from the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art's ten years of hosting aspiring and professional artist on a wilderness week on Horn Island.

The showing is in cooperation with the Bay St. Louis Cultural Affairs and the Depot will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Several years ago I had the opportunity to visit Horn Island courtesy of the Gulf Islands National Seashore.

It is hard to imagine such a wilderness exists at our door step, just 12 miles offshore from Ocean Springs in the Gulf of Mexico.

It so happened we published a photo feature of Horn Island which the Gulf Islands National Seashore also published in one of their publications.

The works of art are for purchase and include painting, sculpture, ceramics and photography.

For the Ohr-O'Keefe Horn Island Workshop

Experience this past May had guest artist Dale Simmons and Pamela Tripp-Simmons from Waveland.

I have been told there will be some great works of art on display and plan on visiting the Depot to see the art display.

Today begins the annual Christmas season shopping season. Now, I do know there are some early birds who may already have all of their Christmas shopping completed.

One of the most important things on shopping for Christmas, or any event of the year, is to Shop-at-Home.

By Shopping-at-Home we help our community in so many ways.

The merchants, the employees, local governments, schools, etc., all benefit.

Then too, there are several businesses that depend on the Christmas shopping season, as the majority of the business is done during the last five weeks or so of the year.

I hope all of you will be able to find just the right gifts your are seeking and enjoy your shopping.

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Election points out racial divide

When Lyndon Johnson signed the 1965 Voting Rights Act he declared "there goes the Democratic Party in the South."

How true LBJ's prophecy has become. When Johnson signed the bill, Democrats held 98 percent of Senate seats and 90 percent of House seats from Southern states.

Gradually over the years since, Southern Democrats have lost ground. But on Nov. 2, it reached a crescendo that not even LBJ could have fully imagined back then.

Republican George W. Bush not only swept all 13 Southern states, but the GOP won all seven contested U.S. Senate races, leaving Southern Democrats with only four seats in the Senate, once their awesome power base.

And in the House, Southern Democrats lost five seats, all in Texas, including the one held by the founder of the centrist "Blue Dog Democrats" who often broke with the national party leadership.

Unmistakably, enfranchisement of Southern blacks under the Voting Rights Act has had a direct link to the decline of Democratic hegemony in the South and the rise of the formerly hated Republican Party.

The South for seven decades after the Civil War was the reliable solid, one-party fiefdom of the National Democratic Party, and amazingly now it has become the Republican's national majority base.

While not many younger Republicans of today in the South either realize it, or will admit it, race has been the under-girding ingredient in the South's political conversion to the GOP.

More and more, since the 1960s when blacks in the South got the right to vote in significant numbers and were drawn to the party of Franklin D. Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy, Republicans have painted Democrats as the "black man's party" and theirs the "white man's party."

Insidiously, that racial divide even crept into

Eyes on
Mississippi

By Bill Minor

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Are you suffering from Post-Election Stress?

BY WARREN THROCKMORTON, PH.D.

To those blue folks suffering from Post-Election Stress Disorder, I have what may be just the remedy you need. Actually, the answer is on the calendar. It is called Thanksgiving.

What is Post-Election Stress Disorder (PESD)? If one can believe the media, there is an epidemic of people who are stressed out and even depressed over the election of George Bush for a second term.

Mental health professionals, of whom I am one, have been alerting the nation to this new threat to our mental health. Does your democratic co-worker snap at you in the morning? Is her attendance at work spotty? Does he spend work time on the Internet looking up citizenship requirements for Canada? All of these symptoms and more may reveal the insidious onset of PESD.

I want to help.

As bad as these symptoms are, I believe I have the answer for at least a large share of the cases. I suggest a paradoxical technique. Counterintuitive though it may be, I suggest giving thanks.

Now I know Thanksgiving is a religious holiday, at least in its original form, but giving thanks can have medicinal benefits even if considered apart from religion. This may require therapy for some but most people can apply this at home.

I can hear many Kerry supporters now.

But what do we have to be thankful for? The Republicans have more political control than before the election.

The Supreme Court may be renamed the Supreme Taliban. Country music plays loudly in the White House and on its goes.

Don't fear! I know giving thanks works because I tried it myself. During the Clinton years.

Here's how it works. First, you remember that this is the greatest nation on earth. People flock here from everywhere because we are still the land of opportunity no matter who is in the White House.

Second, we are the most resilient nation on earth. No matter how many people hate, envy or attack us, we come back and always stronger. Third, we are the

Letters to the Editor

Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address of sender. Number letters should be used, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.

Love your dispatcher

I am a Deputy Sheriff in Hancock County, MS. Every day I come in contact with numerous citizens who recognize my car and my uniform. Whether their reaction is positive or negative, citizens know what the uniform represents.

But what I don't think most citizens realize is that I am part of a team. Supporting every police officer, is a team of Dispatchers, whose job is to:

1) Be the initial point of contact with the public, 2) prioritize the distribution of police resources, and 3) provide for the safety of police officers.

This last responsibility is of special interest to me. Hancock County covers an enormous geographic area, and on many occasions an officer is far from any backup. The Dispatcher is often their only link to safety. Dispatchers often get frus-

trated with the work load, the pay, the schedules, and often road deputies. Despite it all, however, they really care about the public, and care about the Deputies they protect.

Another issue the public doesn't realize is the abuse that dispatchers often face when answering many of the calls received at the Sheriff's Office. They are often treated with disrespect and called names, when in reality they are only trying to provide the right type of help in the fastest means possible.

As you can tell by now, dispatchers are some of my favorite people. They are people, whose dedication and positive attitude is my lifeline. When you need help, please consider the valuable role Dispatchers play in protecting you.

Deputy John Bunce
Diamondhead

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Minor -- racial divide

Mississippi's recent supposedly non-partisan Central District state Supreme Court runoff race pitting Samai Richardson, who is white, against the black incumbent, James Graves.

Well-funded and backed by influential business organizations, with back door Republican support, Richardson waged a campaign that injected old-line racial code words.

Though Graves is eminently qualified and is recognized nationally as an outstanding jurist, his win in a majority-white district surprised many observers who remember last year's defeat of highly-regarded former state fiscal officer Gary Anderson for state Treasurer. Anderson, who is black, was defeated by youthful white banker, Republican Tate Reeves, for state Treasurer.

Five Democratic U.S. House members were wiped out in one fell swoop in Texas under a GOP-loaded redistricting plan rammed through the Texas Legislature by powerful House Majority Leader Tom DeLay of Texas, better known in Congress as the "hammer."

Among those wiped out was U.S. Rep. Charles W. Stenholm, the 13-term deficit hawk who was leader of centrist House "Blue Dog" Democrats and a close ally of Mississippi's own U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor, the conservative Gulf Coast Democrat, who won his 8th term by a wide margin.

"We're down to just a handful of the original Blue Dogs," Taylor told me from Washington last weekend as Congress was called back in a rare post-election session to act on a bevy of unfin-

ished budget bills whose passage is necessary to operate the federal government.

While Taylor's Democratic colleagues are dwindling in number, he hasn't given up on needling Republicans for their talking the talk, but not walking the walk.

Taylor was one of the staunchest foes of a Republican move last week to push through the House, but by only a narrow 208-204 vote, an increase in the national debt limit to \$8.2 trillion.

"Talk about flip-flop," Taylor told me, "the Republicans have always called themselves the party of fiscal responsibility, yet you don't hear them talking about a balanced budget around here anymore."

Taylor's favorite sport is to take potshots at borrow-

ing from the Social Security or Medicare trust fund to shore up the federal budget. Because the government was broke until the debt limit could be raised, the trust funds have taken another heavy hit, he said.

"There's not a dollar left in the Social Security trust fund," he said. "Now we owe the fund a trillion dollars that I can't see will be paid back in the foreseeable future."

His present target is to make Republicans squirm over repealing their rule requiring GOP leaders or committee chairmen to step aside if they are indicted. The GOP rule change was aimed at protecting DeLay, the party majority leader, who is expected to be indicted by a Texas grand jury over how he manipulated the state's Congressional redistricting.

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Taylor recalled that back in the 1980s when he was a member of the state Senate in Mississippi, he and his Democratic colleagues removed one of their own, Sen. Tommy Brooks of Carthage, as Senate President Pro-Tem when he was indicted in a legislative shakedown scheme.

When the new House of Representatives convenes in January to adopt its rules Taylor has a secret plan to put Republicans on the hot seat about protecting their majority leader.

"I'm going to take a shot at inserting a rule against any member under indictment from serving as a chairman or party leader," said the feisty Bay St. Louis lawmaker. "We'll see what happens."

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Stress -- give thanks

most free nation on earth. The constitution is the standard that guarantees our freedom and most of the time, it works to assure everyone a voice. In some countries, the system works so infrequently that when it does, it is news. In our country, there is freedom to speak openly about the exceptions when the system does not work.

Finally, you have the

right to be wrong in this great land. A minority of voters exercised that right earlier this month and we all should be thankful that they could.

So there you have it. The Thanksgiving season is upon us and I am hopeful that this exercise in therapeutic opinion writing will find an ear for a hurting sufferer of PESD just in time to salvage the holi-

days. So no matter to whom or what you pray, whether you are having turkey or tofu, try giving a little thanks this holiday season. It'll be good for what ails you.

I know in this post election time, I have an awful lot to be thankful for.

Warren Throckmorton is director of college counseling and an associate profes-

sor of psychology at Grove City College. His research "Initial Empirical and Clinical Findings Concerning the Change Process for Ex-Gays," was published in the June 2002 issue of the American Psychological Association's publication Professional Psychology: Research and Practice. Contact him at ethrockmorton@gcc.edu.

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— Scott Needle, MD —

The Christ Episcopal Women of the Church last week donated \$600 each to the Hancock Food Pantry and Hope Haven. The money was raised through the group's Silver Tee golf tournament. Pictured are Kim King, left; Diane Lind; Kim Uram; Joan Wilkinson; Hope Haven's Terry Latham; Lora Madelros; Susan Stevens; and Tom McCormick of the Hancock County Food Pantry.

Leadership is easy
when you work with smart people.

Historic Bay St. Louis Holiday Tour

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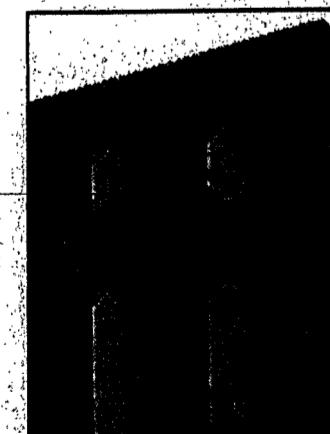
Bay St. Louis opens its nationally publicized historic Bed & Breakfast homes for the first time on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 5:30-8 p.m.

The tour includes The Heritage House - A unique Hopped Roof Bay House, The Bay Town Inn, a turn of the century Planter's Home, The Palm House, an authentic West Indies style Planter's Home, and The Trust, built in 1843. The tour also includes the L & N Train Depot where complimentary park-

ing and trolleys transport to each of the Inns. The Coast Chorale and Our Lady's Academy Ensembles will perform holiday music at each location.

The evening's tickets are \$12 and can be pre-purchased from Old Town Merchants, the B&B's and the Bay St. Louis Fire Department. Tickets may also be purchased at the door the evening of the tour.

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NORTH BAY ELEMENTARY

I cook a turkey just like my mom! She cooks it just like me! I am cooking it! She just cooks it plien!

—Michaela
Lapniewski, 1st grade

What I wud do is kill a turkey with my 410. Then I wud pull the feathers. Then I wud cleane the bleed off. Then I Wud cook it for four hours. Then I wud get the turkey out of the ovin' and eat the turkey.

—Abram Black, 2nd grade

First you buy a turkey. Put salt and pepper on it. Then you clean it. Put it in the oven on 350 degrees for 4 minutes. Last, EAT IT!

—Violet Dorrough,
3rd grade

Put the turkey in a pot. Put the pot on a stove. Cook for a couple of minutes. Put the turkey on a pretty big turkey plate. Put the big turkey plate on the table. This takes two people with lots of mus-

cles or just my daddy.

—Danny Shepetis,
2nd grade

Beat the turkey. Put oil on the turkey. Put the turkey in the oven. Set the timer for 24 minutes. When your turkey is done, make sure you cover it up.

—Morgan Cobb, 2nd grade

1 pan. 1 turkey. 1 tea-spoon of salt.

—Ryan Pitalo, 2nd grade

1. Kill the turkey and take the fur or whatever it has off.

2. Cook it to make it smell good and taste good.

3. Lay it down so it can cool.

4. Lay it on the table and eat it.

—Briana Woods, 2nd grade

First you get a turkey and clean it ouy. Then you go to the store and get pineapples and cherries. While you are at the store, get some stuffing. Next, get a pan, put the turkey in the pan and wash the turkey. Put the turkey

on the stove and take a break. Put the pineapples on and put the cherries in the holes. Last, put the turkey in the oven.

Cook other stuff that you usually eat on Thanksgiving. When you are done with that, take the turkey out of the oven and put it on the stove. Let it cool off, then serve it.

—Dara Lymuel, 3rd grade

Go hunt a turkey. Kill it! You put lemon juice on it. You bake it for 1 hour or less at 350 degrees. You add salt and pepper. You cut it. You serve it! You eat it for Thanksgiving.

—Sean Peneguy, 3rd grade

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—Abrey Strong, 1st Grade

We catch a turkey. We put it in a pan. We have to taak all the blood and bones out. # of servings: 11.

—Carolina, 2nd grade

To make a turkey you have to kill a fat turkey. Then put it in the oven. After that you cool it and eat it.

—Carolina, 2nd grade

HANCOCK NORTH CENTRAL

Mom gets our turkey over at Wal-Mart. She cooks it with peanut butter. It cooks for 20 minutes.

Then, she wraps it up with a paper towel and we have a turkey. My dad takes care of it and we eat at 11:00. Then, we go use the bathroom. We make a taco salad out of what is left of the turkey.

—Justin Haas, kindergarten

My mom shoots the turkey. She gets the feathers off. Puts it in a pot and makes soup.

She put it in the oven and cooks it. It takes 5 minutes.

Her cuts it up and we eat it. We have peas with it on our plate.

Our friends come to eat with us.

—Jacob Mendoza, kindergarten

Put salt in a bowl then hot pepper then the turkey.

Then put pickles, into the pot with cookies.

cook it for five minutes in the oven. Twenty

people can eat it.

—Lacey Cuevas, kindergarten

Put it in a pot. Put barbecue on it. Cook it for four days. Eat it with a plate and spoon.

—Patrick Moran, kindergarten

Put it in a pot with tomato sauce and ranch dressing.

Cook it for seven

minutes. 10 people can

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eat it.

--Jeremiah Hill,
kindergarten

My dad goes out and kill it and we cook him. My dad cooks it, sometimes he burns it and it is black. It has salt and pepper on it and you know that crayfish stuff, he puts that on it. He cooks it on the grill for 55 minutes, kind of like that. He has to skin the turkey up before he cooks it though. He uses his knife. After its cooked, we eat it.

--Drake Neacise,
kindergarten

We don't cook turkeys. I really don't like turkeys. Sometime we eat corn dogs for Thanksgiving. I don't even like those turkeys. We also have fudge rounds, we have those at our house.

--Jerry Mitchell,
kindergarten

Mom gets the turkey from the store. She cooks it with the oven. She cooks it 20 seconds and then chops the beak off and the legs, and that's all. She cuts it up in real small

pieces and she bakes it for 20 days and we eat it.

--Kristin Lizana,
kindergarten

First, put eggs, salt, pepper, and salad and cook it in the oven for 15 seconds. And put it in a pan. Then put some more salt and pepper and eat it.

--Blair Holbrook,
kindergarten

Put sauce on the turkey and cook it in the oven for four minutes. And eat it.

--Amy Dombrowski,
kindergarten

WAVELAND ELEMENTARY

Buy the turkey. Then do everything that you got to do. Put the turkey in the oven and eat the turkey then when you are done mmmmm!

--Deandre DeShun Clark, 3rd grade

First, you would buy a turkey. Then you would chop the head off the turkey. After you would wash the turkey off. After that you would put seasonings, spices, salt and pepper on the

turkey. Then you would inject spices into the turkey. You would boil some water. Then you would put it in the deep fryer. Then you would let it sit for about 50 minutes. You would need to put butter on it. Finally, you would eat it.

--Patrick Ponder, 3rd grade

Before you do anything you have to buy a turkey. Then you wash it, spice it and dice it, baste, flour it, green

onions, yes that's the stuff, stuff it, fry it and dice it. Oh yeah, put the oven on 350 F.

--Aaron Boudreaux Jr., 3rd grade

I would put butter on him. I would burn him. I would cook him. I would put seasoning on him. I would put hot pepper. I would eat him. I would put him in a pot. He is hot.

--Kayla Conntti, 2nd grade

First you need to catch a turkey. Then you put it in the oven. Next you make sure the turkey isn't hot. Then

you stick this little thing up to make sure it is not fat. Then you get to eat it.

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--Jessica, 1st grade

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--Prestin, 2nd grade

I will get the turkey. I will take the fat out. I will take out the blood. I will take the eyes out. I will cook the turkey. I will eat the turkey.

--John, 2nd grade

Buy a pack of turkey. Get a pan out. Oil and grease the pan. Put it in the oven for 50 minutes and serve the turkey.

--Jacob, 1st grade

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NORTH BAY ELEMENTARY

I cook a turkey just like my mom! She cooks it just like me! I am cooking it! She just cooks it plain!

— Michaela Lapniewski, 1st grade

What I wud do is kill a turkey with my 410. Then I wud pull the feathers. Then I wud cleane the bleed off. Then I Wud cook it for four hours. Then I wud get the turkey out of the oven and eat the turkey.

— Abram Black, 2nd grade

First you buy a turkey. Put salt and pepper on it. Then you clean it. Put it in the oven on 350 degrees for 4 minutes. Last, EAT IT!

— Violet Dorrough, 3rd grade

Put the turkey in a pot. Put the pot on a stove. Cook for a couple of minutes. Put the turkey on a pretty big turkey plate. Put the big turkey plate on the table. This takes two people with lots of mus-

cles or just my daddy.
— Danny Shepetis, 2nd grade

Beat the turkey. Put oil on the turkey. Put the turkey in the oven. Set the timer for 24 minutes. When your turkey is done, make sure you cover it up.

— Morgan Cobb, 2nd grade

1 pan. 1 turkey. 1 tea-spoon of salt.

— Ryan Pitalo, 2nd grade

1. Kill the turkey and take the fur or whatever it has off.

2. Cook it to make it smell good and taste good.

3. Lay it down so it can cool.

4. Lay it on the table and eat it.

— Briana Woods, 2nd grade

First you get a turkey and clean it out. Then you go to the store and get pineapples and cherries. While you are at the store, get some stuffing. Next, get a pan, put the turkey in the pan and wash the turkey. Put the turkey

on the stove and take a break. Put the pineapples on and put the cherries in the holes. Last, put the turkey in the oven.

Cook other stuff that you usually eat on Thanksgiving. When you are done with that, take the turkey out of the oven and put it on the stove. Let it cool off then serve it.

— Dara Lymuel, 3rd grade

Go hunt a turkey. Kill it! You put lemon juice on it. You bake it for 1 hour or less at 350 degrees. You add salt and pepper. You cut it. You serve it! You eat it for Thanksgiving.

— Sean Peneguy, 3rd grade

We catch a turkey. We put it in a pan. We have to take all the blood and bones out. # of servings: 11.

— Abrey Strong, 1st grade

To make a turkey you have to kill a fat turkey. Then put it in the oven. After that you cool it and eat it.

— Carolina, 2nd grade

HANCOCK NORTH CENTRAL

Mom gets our turkey over at Wal-Mart. She cooks it with peanut butter. It cooks for 20 minutes.

Then, she wraps it up with a paper towel and we have a turkey. My dad takes care of it and we eat at 11:00. Then, we go use the bathroom. We make a taco salad out of what is left of the turkey.

— Justin Haas, kindergarten

My mom shoots the turkey. She gets the feathers off. Puts it in a pot and makes soup. She puts it in the oven and cooks it. It takes 5 minutes.

Her cuts it up and we eat it. We have peas with it on our plate. Our friends come to eat with us.

— Jacob Mendoza, kindergarten

My dad gets the turkey from the woods with a bow and arrow. Then, my mama fries it in a pot. Then we cut it with a sharp knife. We put it in the horn of plenty. When all the

people we are thankful for get here, we eat Thanksgiving Dinner. When we are done we play lots of games with each other.

— Renee Lee, kindergarten

Put salt, pepper, bacon and grits and eggs in a pot. Add potatoes and the turkey. Cook it in the oven for 10 hours. And then people are going to eat it.

— Chaselyn Bannister, kindergarten

Put salt in a bowl then hot pepper then the turkey.

Then put pickles into the pot with cookies. Cook it for five minutes in the oven. Twenty people can eat it.

— Lacey Cuevas, kindergarten

Put it in a pot. Put barbecue on it. Cook it for four days. Eat it with a plate and spoon.

— Patrick Moran, kindergarten

Put it in a pot with tomato sauce and ranch dressing.

Cook it for seven minutes. 10 people can

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to Turkey

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eat it.

—Jeremiah Hill, kindergarten

My dad goes out and kill it and we cook him. My dad cooks it, sometimes he burns it and it is black. It has salt and pepper on it and you know that crayfish stuff, he puts that on it. He cooks it on the grill for 55 minutes, kind of like that. He has to skin the turkey up before he cooks it though. He uses his knife. After its cooked, we eat it.

—Drake Necaise, kindergarten

We don't cook turkeys. I really don't like turkeys. Sometime we eat corn dogs for Thanksgiving. I don't even like those turkeys. We also have fudge rounds, we have those at our house.

—Jerry Mitchell, kindergarten

Mom gets the turkey from the store. She cooks it with the oven. She cooks it 20 seconds and then chops the beak off and the legs, and that's all. She cuts it up in real small

pieces and she bakes it for 20 days and we eat it.

—Kristin Lizana, kindergarten

First, put eggs, salt, pepper, and salad and cook it in the oven for 15 seconds. And put it in a pan. Then put some more salt and pepper and eat it.

—Blair Holbrook, kindergarten

Put sauce on the turkey and cook it in the oven for four minutes. And eat it.

—Amy Dombrowski, kindergarten

WAVELAND ELEMENTARY

Buy the turkey. Then do everything that you got to do. Put the turkey in the oven and eat the turkey then when you are done mmmmm!

—Deandre De'Shun Clark, 3rd grade

First, you would buy a turkey. Then you would chop the head off the turkey. After you would wash the turkey off. After that you would put seasonings, spices, salt and pepper on the

turkey. Then you would inject spices into the turkey. You would boil some water. Then you would put it in the deep fryer. Then you would let it sit for about 50 minutes. You would need to put butter on it. Finally, you would eat it.

—Patrick Ponder, 3rd grade

Before you do anything you have to buy a turkey. Then you wash it, spice it and dice it, baste, flour it, green onions, yes that's the stuff, stuff it, fry it and dice it. Oh yeah, put the oven on 350 F.

—Aaron Boudreux Jr., 3rd grade

I would put butter on him. I would burn him. I would cook him. I would put seasoning on him. I would put hot pepper. I would eat him. I would put him in a pot. He is hot.

—Kayla Connitt, 2nd grade

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—Alicia Nguyen, 2nd grade

You kill it. Then you pick off the feathers. Then you put it in the oven for 150 seconds. Then stuff it. Then you eat it.

—John, 2nd grade

Buy a pack of turkey. Get a pan out. Oil and grease the pan. Put it in the oven for 50 minutes and serve the turkey.

—Jacob, 1st grade

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Then I would take it out and let it cool off. Last I would eat it.

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Bond bill passes, special session ends

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JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Lawmakers on Monday passed a \$456 million bond bill and ended an 11-day special session shaped by House-Senate bickering and political power plays.

A spokesman said Republican Gov. Haley Barbour intends to sign the bill, even though its price tag is about 15 percent higher than what he had hoped it would be.

Officials of Northrop Grumman, Mississippi's largest private employer and one of the biggest beneficiaries of the bill, praised lawmakers for passing the bill.

Philip A. Dur, president of Northrop Grumman Ship Systems, said in a written statement Monday night that the company will match the state's \$40 million to expand shipyards in Pascagoula and Gulfport. The money is the second installment of a three-year plan.

Northrop Grumman officials met last week and declined to include the Mississippi expansions in next year's corporate budget. Barbour said then that lawmakers were endangering the creation of 2,000 new shipbuilding jobs and 1,500 other jobs by delaying action on the bond bill.

Ways and Means Chairman Percy Watson told his House colleagues Monday that the bill includes projects designed for most parts of the state.

"This is lots of money," said Watson, D-Hattiesburg. "Certainly, we have more needs out there than we have money available."

The bill passed the House 107-2 and the Senate 48-2.

The governor controls the agendas of special sessions. Barbour had originally

called lawmakers to Jackson starting Nov. 8 to consider economic-development plans only. In a move led by the House, lawmakers negotiated a package that covers a host of other projects, from bridge repairs to college campus renovations.

Barbour said it was "in a spirit of compromise" that he allowed consideration of the broader bill to wrap up what he originally hoped would be a one- or two-day session.

Barbour's \$108 million plan passed the Senate on the session's opening day but stalled in the House Ways and Means Committee because some members wanted to consider a comprehensive bond package.

"This special session should have taken hours, but instead took weeks," Barbour said in a written statement Monday.

"Holding good bills hostage to make political points is no way to do the people's business."

The tab for the special session was \$432,593, legislative bookkeepers said.

The final version of the bill allows the state to borrow money for several economic-development projects, including the \$40 million for Northrop Grumman and \$10 million for the expansion of Baxter Healthcare in Cleveland.

The bill also covers renovations, repairs or construction on college campuses; construction or repair of state agencies' buildings; repairs of local bridges; purchase of rural fire trucks; and technology improvements for the public television system.

Republican Sens. Walter Michel of Jackson and Terry Brown of Columbus said they voted against the bill because it had grown to

nearly half a billion dollars. Brown said the largest bond bill he saw during his dozen years in the House was about \$300 million.

"I had indigestion over that," he said.

Senate President Pro Tempore Travis Little, R-Corinth, said the bill was reasonable.

"In order to keep economic development going and to keep other things going, I don't think there's a thing in this bill that can be considered reckless spending," Little said.

In the House, Rep. David Green, D-Gloster, said he opposed the bill because it didn't include funding for historic preservation projects he wants in southwest Mississippi.

The bill represents a new twist on state policy-making by putting two years of bond projects into a single bill.

Governments issue bonds to borrow money. Like a person who seeks a loan, a good credit rating affects interest rates. The state repays the bond debt over a number of years. This year's regular legislative session ended in May without a bond package because House and Senate leaders couldn't reach consensus. Then, officials say putting ideas for this year and next year into one bill could help smooth out what's expected to be a difficult budget-writing process during the 2005 regular legislative session, which starts Jan. 4.

Bond bills affect the state's budget because lawmakers need to know how much money to set aside to retire long-term debt. Watson said the state will have to issue \$48 million in bonds next year as the third installment of money for Northrop Grumman. Watson said he's not ruling out considering other bond projects in 2005, but

Barbour said the state should only issue bonds next year for job-creation programs.

A half dozen negotiators met over the weekend to hammer out a final version of the bill.

The only unresolved issue at the start of Monday was about which agency would oversee construction projects at three historically black universities. The projects are funded by \$30 million in bonds as part of the college desegregation lawsuit.

Watson wanted the College Board to oversee how the \$30 million is spent. Senators wanted the state Department of Finance and Administration to oversee contracts. DFA oversees most state construction contracts.

Negotiators agreed to have DFA oversee the contracts, but only after consulting with the College Board and the presidents of the three historically black universities.

The final version of the bill also changed minority set-aside provisions that Barbour didn't like. The governor last week threatened to veto a bill if it had mandatory contract set-asides, which he called "racial quotas."

Negotiators put in provisions that mirror parts of existing state law and say up to 20 percent of contracts may be set aside.

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Shooting -- drive-by

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of the shooting. One was a six-year-old female and her grandfather, David Duhon, the owner of the residence. The girl is the daughter of the suspect," Varnell stated.

The grandfather was in the living room when the shot was fired through his granddaughter's bedroom window.

A witness told investigators he heard what he thought was a shot and looked out his window and got a description of a light

colored Chevy Cavalier, as it sped away.

"A few minutes later, the girl's mother, Bethany Carver arrived, and when given a description of the vehicle, said she thought it was a vehicle owned by her ex-boyfriend and father of the girl. Carver further stated that they had numerous disagreements over the child and that on previous occasions he had threatened to shoot her and her father," Varnell added.

SEAL -- accident

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evening, Jones said. He was pronounced dead by Forest County Coroner Butch Benedict, Jones said.

The incident is under investigation by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service. An investigation of this kind is routine, Jones

said, when a member of the armed services dies in any way that is not the result of natural causes or a known illness. The investigation does not in any way indicate that criminal activity has occurred. The incident was in no way related to any

military training or activity, he said.

Doyle was a resident of Lumberton where he lived with his wife and daughter. Special Boat Team 22 is stationed at Stennis Space Center.

Dunbar -- hoedown

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Dunbar Village is a participant in the Eden Alternative, a project dedicated to empowering both the residents and their families, and staff in long-term care facilities. The program seeks to make these facilities a home rather than an

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The facility also offers an elder day care program that can offer caregivers a day, a weekend, or a week off, with the confidence that their loved ones are being well cared for in their absence.

Rape

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Roan reported.

Roan said, Villarrell is charged with the alleged one count of statutory rape, one count of molestation and two counts of sexually battery. Villarrell's new bond was set at \$60,000. While Negron is charged with the alleged one count of statutory rape and one count sexual battery. Negron's new bond was set at \$45,000.

"I had been seeking both Villarrell and Negron for

questioning with their possible involvement with the young girl. State Trooper Dale Descamp stopped a vehicle which contained

both of the suspects on a traffic violation. I was notified and further investigation led to their arrest," Roan stated.

Holiday Closings

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Waveland Elementary School celebrated "Reading Is Fundamental Day" last week with a visit from community leaders including Mayor Tommy Longo. Students also got the opportunity to visit and interact with two live turkeys in honor of Thanksgiving. The turkeys will not be on the menu this holiday season.

Echo staff photos by John Waterman



Holiday Tree Gala set for Dec. 5

The Voices of Deliverance Choir and the Holmes Chapel United Methodist Church Choir will perform at the Hancock County Library's 2004 Tenth Annual Holiday Tree Gala on Sunday, December 5, for 1 to 4 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library.

More than 70 local businesses, organizations and schools will display decorated trees throughout the building.

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The Voices of Deliverance Choir from the Power House of Deliverance Church in Bay St. Louis will perform

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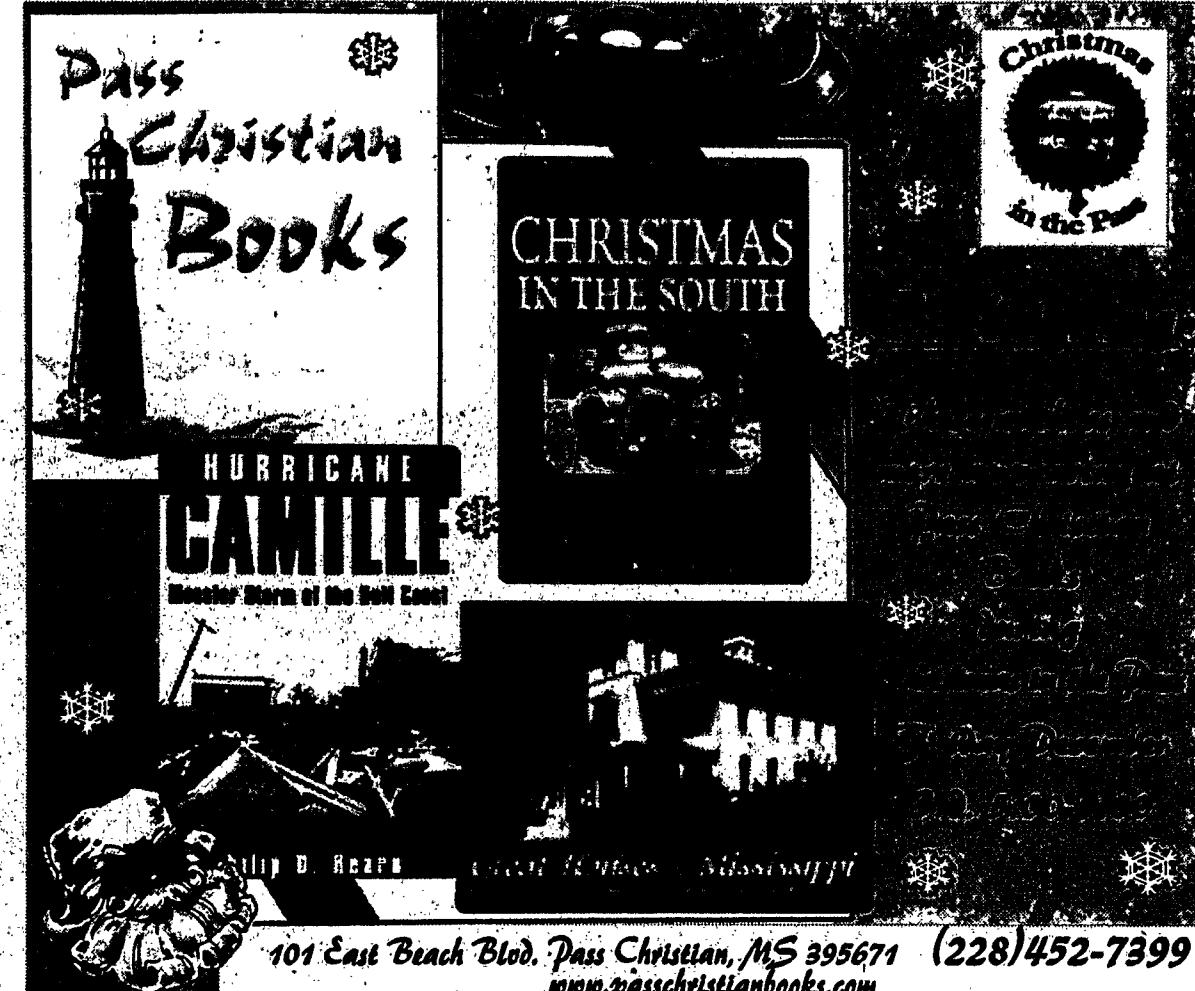
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Mount Chapel Thanksgiving Service is today in Waveland

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Obituaries

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JAMES BENNETT
STANLEY COHEN
HOWARD CUEVAS SR.
ROBERT HOFFMAN
ROY NECAISE SR.
WILMA RUSS
MILDRED SELLIER
PENNY STEVENS

ROBERT ALLEY
 Robert Alley, age 81 and a resident of Diamondhead, MS, died Saturday, November 20, 2004, in Gulfport, MS.

Mr. Alley was a native of Gulfport, a longtime resident of New Orleans, LA, and a resident of Diamondhead for 25 years. He served in the Merchant Marine, and retired as purchasing agent after 27 years with Kaiser Aluminum in New Orleans. He was a Catholic, and served as treasurer in the Diamondhead Builders' Association.

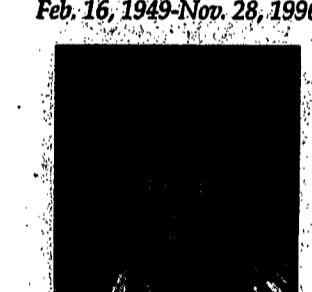
Mr. Alley was preceded in death by his parents, William and Ethel Davis Alley; and a brother, Willie Alley. Survivors include his wife, Alberta Alley, of Diamondhead; sons, Stephen Alley, of Covington, LA; and Robert Alley, Jr., of Jacksonville, FL; daughters, Brenda Alley, of Diamondhead; Sylvia Robinson, of Long Beach, CA; and Mary Adams, of Carriere, MS; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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Lewis Wilkins
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**In Loving Memory
of Judy O. Miller**
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 I'm following the path God laid for me.
 I took his hand when I heard him call
 I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.
 To laugh, to love, to work or play.
 Tasks left undone must stay that way,
 I found that place at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
 Then fill it with remembered joy.
 A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
 Of course, these things, I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
 I wish the sunshine of tomorrow.
 My life's been full, I savored much.
 Good friends, good times,
 a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
 Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
 Lift up your heart and share with me,
 God wanted me, He set me free.

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YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Visitation was held at Riemann Funeral Home, 25th Avenue in Gulfport, on Wednesday, November 24. The graveside service followed in Evergreen Cemetery in Gulfport.

JAMES BENNETT
 James Troy "Jim" Bennett, age 76, of Pass Christian, was called home by his Creator on November 22, 2004.

He was born March 19, 1928, in Kiln, Mississippi, and was a member of the First Baptist Church of DeLisle, also a veteran of the United States Navy. He was a self-employed contractor and home builder for 54 years. He leaves behind a legacy known to others as "The Godfather" of construction.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel M. Bennett and Ollie Cameron Bennett; his former wife, Louise Saucier Bennett; one brother, Harris Bennett; and one son, William Troy "Billy" Bennett.

Left behind with loving heartful memories are two sons, David Bennett and wife, Fredna; John Bennett and wife, Cathy; one daughter, Carol Bennett Richardson and husband, M. L.; five grandchildren, Angie, Jami, Jeffrey, Justin, and Tommy; four great-grandchildren, Nicholas, Peyton, Ashton, and Emilia; three brothers, Louis Bennett, Sam Bennett, and Brett Bennett; and one sister, Ruby Bentz.

Services were held on Wednesday, November 24, 2004, at The First Baptist Church of DeLisle.

In Memory



Daddy
 1946-2003
Horace Kennedy

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 us and went into
 the gates of heaven.
 You're sadly missed
 and loved by,
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 Grandchildren
 & Family

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The family requests, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the American Cancer Society, 417 Security Sq., Gulfport, MS 39507; or to The Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi, 16 Northtown Drive, Suite 100, Jackson, MS 39211.

STANLEY COHEN

Stanley Cohen, age 77 and a resident of Diamondhead, MS, died Monday, November 22, 2004, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Cohen was a native of New York City, and retired after 22 years active duty in the U. S. Navy. He served with honor and distinction in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, and received the Silver Star and the Purple Heart. He moved to Diamondhead in 1994, and owned an insurance agency in Metairie, LA, for 15 years, which he sold in 1999. He was a Mason and a member of the American Legion.

Mr. Cohen was preceded in death by his parents, Michael and Florence Weissberg Cohen. Survivors include his wife, the Honorable Jane Ferguson Cohen, of Diamondhead; and a niece, Denise Doctor, of Phoenix, AZ.

Visitation will be today, Wednesday, November 24, at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, from 10:00 a.m. until the service at 12:30 p.m. Burial will be at 2:00 p.m. in the National Cemetery in Biloxi.

Memorials may be made to the S.P.C.A., c/o George Pike, 7310 Alu. Ct., Diamondhead, MS 39525.

HOWARD CUEVAS, SR.

Howard Robert Cuevas, Sr., 78, of the Dubuisson Community died Tuesday, November 23, 2004 in Gulfport. Mr. Cuevas was a native and lifelong resident of DeLisle. He retired from the city of Long Beach, where he was superintendent of the Water and Sewer Department.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Irma Theresa Cuevas; 2 sons, Lavert J. Cuevas and Mark D. Cuevas; a brother, Vearl Cuevas; 2 grandsons, and 3 great-grandsons.

He is survived by 5 daughters, Charmaine Cuevas, Becky Ladner, Charlotte Sykes, Donna Ladner, and Melba Dupree; 5 sons, H.J. Cuevas, Vearlin Cuevas, Raymond Cuevas, Sr., Sidney Cuevas, and Tharion Cuevas; 2 sisters, Etta Lea Dubuisson and Audrey Saucier; 44 grandchildren; 52 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandson.

Visitation will be Thursday, November 25, 2004 from 5 until 10 p.m. at Dedeaux School in the Dedeaux Community. The funeral service will be Friday November 26, 2004 at 10 A.M. at the Dedeaux School. Interment will be in St. Joseph Cemetery at Rotten Bayou in Hancock County.

B r a d f o r d - O ' K e e f e Funeral Home, 15th St., Gulfport, is in charge of arrangements.

ROBERT HOFFMAN

Robert J. Hoffman, 83, of Pass Christian, died Tuesday, November 23, 2004 in Pass Christian. Arrangements are incomplete at Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home, 15th St., Gulfport.

ROY NECAISE, SR.

Roy Gene Necaise, Sr., 65, of Bay St. Louis died Tuesday, November 23, 2004 in Gulfport. Mr. Necaise was born in Gulfport and was a lifelong resident of the Gulf coast. He previously served in the U. S. Army. He was Methodist. Mr. Necaise was a former heavy equipment operator with the City of Gulfport and Harrison County. He was a life member of the VFW and DAV.

He was preceded in death by a son, Roy Gene Necaise, Jr.

He is survived by a

daughter, Nancy Reader and her husband, James of Gulfport; 3 sons, Jeffrey Necaise and wife, Cassie, John Necaise and wife, Dorothea, all of Gulfport, and Steven Necaise and wife, Diane of Picayune; a step-son, Lester "Bubba" Cuevas and wife, Jewel; 3 step-daughters, Judy Cuevas, Elaine Ladner and Janie Postier; 3 sisters, Aline Nichols of Gulfport, Agnes Cary of Silver Creek, MS, and Linda Crose of Gulfport; 3 brothers, Ray Necaise of Long Beach, Bruce Necaise of Bay St. Louis, and Walter Necaise of Gulfport; 2 step-grandsons, Wade Cuevas and wife, Gail and Ward Cuevas; 22 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; and a very special friend, Ethel Cuevas.

Visitation will be Friday, November 26, 2004 from 5-10 pm at Dedeaux School with a recitation of the Rosary at 8pm. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, November 27, 2004 at 10:00am at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in the Dedeaux Community.

Burial will follow at Wolf River Cemetery in Harrison County. The Highway 49N Chapel of Riemann Funeral Home is handling funeral arrangements.

PENNY STEVENS

Penny Stevens, 47 of Bay St. Louis, MS died Monday, November 22, 2004 in Bay St. Louis, MS.

She was born in California and a resident of Bay St. Louis, MS. She was a former office manager for a Pest Control Company in California.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clyde and Elizabeth McAlister Metcalf.

She is survived by her husband, Chris Stevens of Bay St. Louis, MS, son, Robert Stevens of Bay St. Louis, MS, brother, Emery Metcalf of South Carolina, sister, Pat Campbell of Bay St. Louis, MS, and a Grandchild.

A Private Service will be held at a later date. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Trade club meets Dec. 8

TRENDS IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE will be the topic of featured speaker Glen Sigler, AmSouth Bank International Banking Department, at the International Trade Club of Mississippi meeting on Wednesday, December 8, 2004 at the Great Southern Club in Gulfport. This topic is beneficial for both the importer and exporter. Cocktails and networking will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be at a cost of \$18.95 per person with a complimentary open bar. Please make your reservations by telephone at 228-868-6609 or by email to mgp3@aol.com.

"Why Invest?" strategy report offered by financial group

From the 25% unemployment rate in the 1930s, through the oil embargo and deep recession of the 1970s, to the war on terrorism and economic uncertainties of today, the country's financial markets have prospered during the past 75 years despite these short-term setbacks.

"Your success as an investor depends on your ability to maintain perspective. In fact, apparent reasons not to invest may actually be reasons to consider investing more," said Alan Skrainka, Edward Jones chief market strategist and author of a new strategy report, "Why Invest?"

In the new report, Skrainka takes readers on a journey through the past seven decades outlining the tumultuous issues that have sidelined the markets. Despite these setbacks, Skrainka found that the stock market has grown and prospered during these times.

"Today, we are again facing a slow of concerns such as the war on terrorism, the war in Iraq and economic worries," Skrainka said. "But as we've won, these difficulties aren't as unique as you might think. In fact, they're no more daunting than the other challenges we've overcome."

Skrainka compiled the following statistics for stocks from the past 70 years:

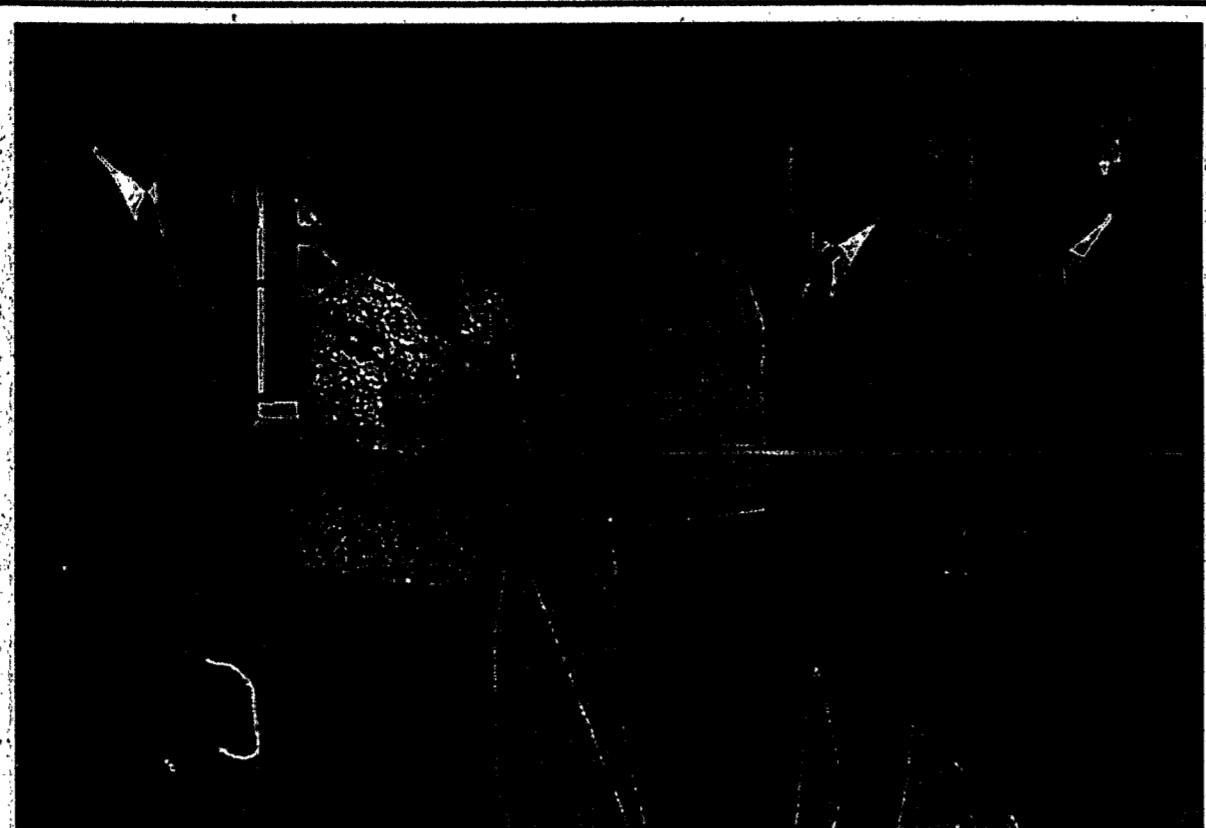
- Only one negative (-0.1% annually) return for a decade was in the 1930s.

- The market posted positive returns in 67 of the 69 "rolling" 10-year periods.

- Stocks outperformed bonds or T-bills in 85% of those periods.

- Stocks were the highest-returning asset in all 59 rolling 20-year periods since 1926.

For a free copy of the study, please stop by any Edward Jones investment office.



ATC dedication

The ribbon cutting ceremony for Pearl River's Lowery A. Woodall Advanced Technology Center was held Tuesday. Taking part in the official opening were: PRCC President William Lewis, left, Michelle Woodall Bacon and Linda Woodall, daughters of the late Lowery A. Woodall, Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour, and Bobby Chain of Hattiesburg, president of the Woodall Center Board of Advisors and president of the PRCC District Workforce Council. The two-story building includes the PRCC Workforce Development Center staff offices, two computer labs, a business incubator, and equipment and facilities for a variety of training programs. The center is a place where working people can receive training, and a place where help and resources are available to anyone wishing to improve their work skills.

Casinos to host conference for state business owners

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis' Purchasing Manager, Richard Rizzo, is heading to Jackson to share his experience in helping local businesses diversify and compete for coveted casino purchasing contracts.

Rizzo will join other Mississippi casino purchasing managers in a state-wide vendor conference next month to speak with the more than 2,800 state businesses invited to learn how to do business with Mississippi casinos.

The Mississippi Gaming Industry Opportunity Fair will be December 9th from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Clarion Hotel & Convention Center in Jackson and is hosted by the Mississippi Gaming Association along with the Mississippi Development Authority Small Business Division and the Mississippi Contract Procurement Center.

"Casinos are eager to work with local businesses because it's often cheaper, faster and more convenient to stay within Mississippi, not to mention better for our communities. It's a win-win for everyone," said Rizzo.

Albeit, not everyone knows what we're looking for and the strict procedures we must follow in the procurement process, said Rizzo.

Phil Williams owner of William's BBQ has been doing business with Casino Magic Bay St. Louis since April 2004. He was originally a restaurateur with a stellar reputation for some of the best smoked meats in Old town Bay St. Louis, until he met with Rizzo looking for an opportunity to supply the casino with

disposable paper supplies like, plastic eating utensils, paper towels, and styrofoam plates.

"I was already buying paper supplies in bulk for my business and it only made sense to take advantage of the pricing as well as create a vertical revenue stream with my resources," said Williams.

Today, Williams sells catering services, seafood, and even produce to Casino Magic Bay St. Louis and other Coast casinos. His company is also awaiting certification from the state to expand services into computer hardware and other areas.

"We must be careful in working with small business owners because we want to give them the tools to do business with casinos, yet we don't want these businesses to be dependent solely on our one account or imply any unrealistic expectations," said Rizzo.

Last year Casino Magic Bay St. Louis hosted a tradeshow where Rizzo brought together large manufacturers that produce many of the supplies used by casinos and small and minority Mississippi businesses owners.

This function was instrumental in helping small minority business owners, like Jeannette Martin, of Fortson Industrial Supply Company in Jackson growing their business. "Mr. Rizzo opened the door for us and acted as a mentor," said Martin.

The casino contacted Phillips lighting company to see how they could offer Martin more competitive pricing for her line to better serve the casino industry. "If it wasn't for Mr. Rizzo we would have never had met with the national representative at Phillips Lighting Company to be able to get competitive pricing to bid on contracts. All we wanted was a level playing field so that we could compete with our pricing and services to our customers," said Martin.

Today, Fortson Industrial Supply does business with three casinos on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and has hired additional employees. Annual billings have increased from an estimated \$60,000 to approximately \$3 million in one year alone.

In addition to the vendor fair, Richard Speights of the Mississippi Small and Minority Business Development Office and the

Mississippi Gaming Association have developed an initial database of 2,500 Mississippi businesses who have registered to bid on casino contracts.

"We are extremely proud to be a driving force in the desire to share our business with other Mississippi state businesses as we all can grow together," said John Jagunich, president of Casino Magic Bay St. Louis.

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Magic employees raise nearly \$90,000 for charities

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis team members have gotten into the spirit of giving a little early this holiday season. From cash to groceries to their own blood, team members have given generously when called upon, and many Mississippi charities are thankful.

Thirty-seven Mississippi Gulf Coast charities benefited recently from over \$82,500 donated to The United Way of South Mississippi by Casino Magic Bay St. Louis team members. The casino team members raised ten percent more for The United Way than the previous year and surpassed their fund-raising goal.

"When you invest in United Way of South Mississippi, you don't simply change lives, you change your community. Over 200,000 people receive assistance through United Way funded programs each year through 36 agencies in Hancock, Harrison and Pearl River Counties. We can't thank our donors enough for all they do to help make our community a better place," said United Way of South Mississippi Marketing and Communications Director Ashley Breazeale.

The month-long fund drive was capped off by a celebration in the casino's main lobby on November 16th. Each of the casino's directors had pledged to receive a pie in the face if the fund-raising goal was met. As the final totals rolled in, they all kept their promises and one lucky employee in each department slammed a pie pan full of whipped cream in their director's face.

The March of Dimes Blue Jeans for Babies and



Casino Magic Bay St. Louis team members pose for a group shot after the March of Dimes WalkAmerica, 3-mile walk on November 13th in Bay St. Louis. Walkers were (left to right): Sarah Booth, Housekeeping Manager; Cynthia Payne, Bay Tower Front Desk with son Delfred; Lisa Steele, VIP Services; Cassie Williams, Administrative Assistant and Jessica Potts, Housekeeping with daughter Amelica. They completed the walk in just 30 minutes.

WalkAmerica campaigns also inspired the Casino Magic Bay St. Louis crew to donate over \$7,500 in additional charitable gifts. Over \$6,000 was raised when employees purchased Blue Jeans for Babies T-shirts and wore them to work with jeans on a designated awareness day.

Another \$800 came from in-kind donations and \$600 was raised by five team members who participated in WalkAmerica, a 3-mile fun walk in Bay St. Louis on November 13th.

"The March of Dimes is fighting prematurity with a \$75 million national research, education and awareness campaign. The work Casino Magic Bay St. Louis does to support the March of Dimes helps to improve the health of families and our future," said Kay Daneault, coast division director, Mississippi Chapter of the March of

Dimes. Casino Magic Bay St. Louis team members have also been called upon recently to donate blood to The American Red Cross and grocery items for the hurricane relief effort in Florida. The casino had its most successful blood drive to date in November when over 100 desperately-needed pints were collected. Team members also collected nearly 6,000 groceries, cleaning supplies, baby and pet supplies for their neighbors in Florida who were affected by the unusually active hurricane season.

With a grand total of over \$90,000 in cash donations and goods, Casino Magic Bay St. Louis team members have a lot to be thankful for this season—the ability to help others lobby stage.

AARP seeks input on transportation

THE SEA COAST ECHO

The Diamondhead chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and the Gulf Coast Transit Authority have prepared a survey for the community to determine if there is a strong need for public bus transportation throughout Diamondhead to elsewhere.

The information and survey will appear in the November Diamondhead Newsletter.

Copies of the survey may also be obtained at the Diamondhead Property Owners Association office.

Please fill out a survey and put it in the white POA box by the community center, drop it in the AARP Survey Box at Diamondhead Super Market or mail it to Survey, 8520 Kono Place, Diamondhead, MS 39525.

Questions on the survey include: "Would you use transportation if it were available in your community" and "What destinations would you travel to?"

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WHEREAS, on May 1, 2003, Herbert K. Adams and Christopher Sherrill, herein after referred to as "Debtors", executed a Deed of Trust to Steven K. Olson, Trustee for the use and benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., which Deed of Trust is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Deed of Trust Book 781 at Page 598, hereinafter and

WHEREAS, the legal holder of the said Deed of Trust, herein referred to as "Trustee", is authorized by the terms hereof, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 803 at Page 658 hereof;

WHEREAS, "default" having been made in the performance of the conditions and stipulations as set forth by said Deed of Trust, and having been requested by the legal holder of the Deed of Trust to Lem Adams, III, Trustee, given that Lem Adams, III, Substitute Trustee, in his opinion, of record, conferred upon me in said Deed of Trust, will offer for sale and will sell at public sale and outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, during the legal hours (between the hours of 11 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m.) at the North front door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 17th day of December 2004, the following described land and property, being a tract of land and property described in Deed of Trust Book 781 at Page 598, in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

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TEN YEARS AGO
 November 10, 1994 - Good news was received by Hancock County Board of Supervisors President Michael Ladner this week in a memo from United States Senator Trent Lott. A new postal unit is to be built at Kiln. Ladner became involved with Kiln post office problems back in 1976. At the time he was a Hancock County employee and had received a telephone call from the now retired Kiln Postmaster Ray Favre. Favre received a telephone call from Atlanta saying when he retired that year, the post office would be closed permanently. Ladner then contacted United States Congressman Trent Lott, who informed him that he would look into the matter. With the help of Congressman Lott, the post office continued to operate at its current location. The better news today is, Lott's latest memo to Ladner reports that due to the growth of the kiln area, a new post office facility is to be constructed.

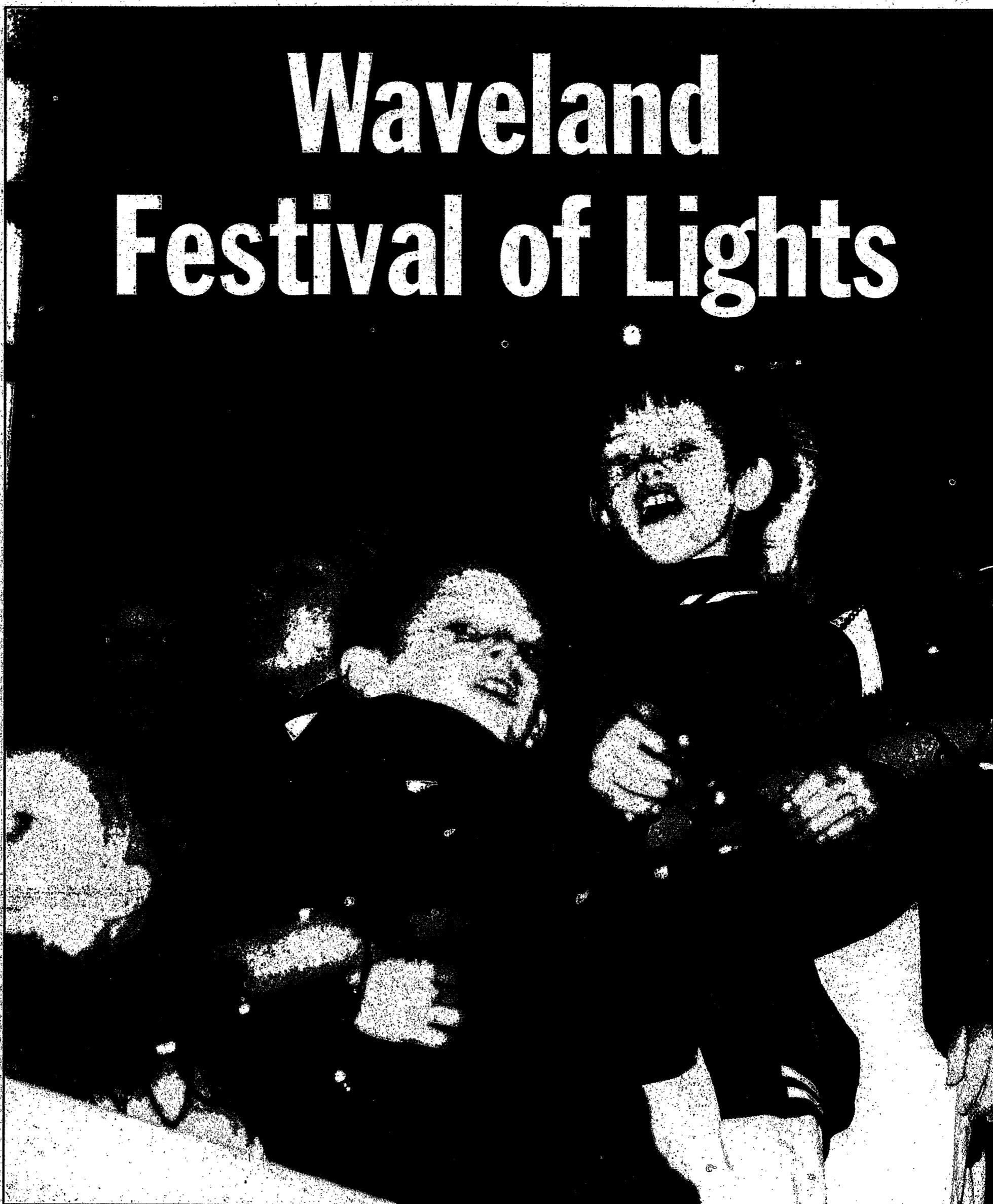
TWENTY YEARS AGO
 November 11, 1984 - The Waveland Regional Waste Water District has agreed to assist the county in the enforcement of septic tank regulations. Wastewater board member Walter Gex III presented the board Wednesday with a proposal from the Hancock County Board of Supervisors that may help reduce the number of people without septic tanks in the county. According to Gex, the supervisors' proposal calls for the employment of the county building inspectors assist the county board of health in enforcement of existing septic tank regulations. The building inspector would check the sewage discharge systems on new construction or trailers, thereby helping to cut down on the number of people with either straight pipes or no pipes for sewage discharge.

FORTY YEARS AGO
 November 12, 1964 - Last Logtown Homecoming Queen (Photo), Kathy Nease, who reigned as queen for Logtown School's final homecoming exercises Saturday is crowned by Beat 1 Supervisor H.G. Dean at ceremonies preceding football game with Picayune squad. Rodney Wilkerson was king for the event.

What about here (Photo), Waveland's Town Council last Saturday, with Mayor Garfield Ladner, checked out on the scene the boundary corners of the area west of Waveland it

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Waveland Festival of Lights



Echo file photo by, Bennie Shallbetter

Children from area schools sing Christmas carols last year during the Waveland Festival of Lights.

Group wants to break record for number of carolers

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BY BENNIE
 SHALLBETTER
 Staff Writer

Christmas would not be Christmas without the Annual Festival of Lights in Waveland. This year the event will be held on Saturday, December 11, with a rain date of Sunday, December 12. Festivities will begin with the Waveland Civic Association Parade at 4 p.m.

As a special addition to the usual events, this year, the city and the Coleman Ave. Coalition will also sponsor the Largest Carol Service in the world, in an attempt to break the Guinness Book of World records for an event of its kind.

The event will begin promptly at 6 p.m. in front of City Hall in Waveland. In order to be counted, participants must register and receive an event button. Groups of three or more are encouraged to register early and larger groups are encouraged to call ahead. Large groups will need to designate a Captain. Registration tables will be set up in front of City Hall.

St. Clare Elementary School students and Waveland Elementary School students, who sing every year at the Festival of Lights, will



Members of the Waveland Civic Association throw beads and Christmas candy during the Waveland Festival of Lights.

be there this year to form the core of the group.

The current world record is held by New York City, where 519 carolers sang for over 16 minutes. Coalition president Kathy Pinn says she hopes to attract more than 600 carolers who will sing for about 20 to 30 minutes. All songs are pre-selected and words to the songs will be distributed to participants.

Pinn said participants from Ocean Springs, Moss Point,

Gulfport and Biloxi have already pledged to participate, as well as local churches, schools and other groups. Everyone is invited.

As usual, the parade will deliver Santa and Mrs. Claus to the steps of City Hall where Santa will reign for the evening. Trolley cars will carry riders down Christmas Door and Christmas Card Lane to view lights. Merchants on the Avenue will offer refreshments and special treats and the Avenue will be decorated and lighted to bring out the

Pearlington Parade

The Annual Pearlington Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 4 at 3 p.m. The Hancock County High School Band, cheerleaders and Jr. Miss will be in the parade along with area car and motorcycle clubs, fire departments, and floats. After the parade there will be a bonfire with choirs and caroling at the West Hancock County Fire House. Refreshments will be served. The parade will begin at the back of the Oak Harbor Subdivision, proceed down Hwy. 90 to Hwy. 604 and end at the red brick church (the Baptist Church).

Christmas spirit.

The evening will culminate with fireworks on the beach at the foot of Coleman Ave.

The event is sponsored by the city and the Waveland Civic Association.

"We hope for this to be a joyful noise," said Pinn.

For more information please call Pinn at 467-3922 or Waveland City Hall at 467-4134. Special needs individuals or groups please call City Hall if special arrangements are needed.

Wildcats seek national championship Saturday

MACJC state champion Pearl River shoots for its first national championship since 1961 this Sunday when the second-ranked Wildcats take on top-ranked and defending NJCAA champ Butler County (Kan.) in the Dalton Defenders Bowl Sunday in Veterans Memorial Stadium in Coffeyville, Kan.

The Wildcats, who repeated as state champs with a 24-13 victory over Hinds Nov. 13 in Poplarville for its 18th straight victory that boosted its undefeated record to 11-0, will depart for Coffeyville Thanksgiving day.

PRCC third-year head coach Tim Hatten says the national title bout versus Butler will be an interesting match up.

"We match up with them pretty well," he said. "They run more of a multiple offense compared to our spread with a lot of play action stuff. But they'll spread it out like we do on occasion."

The undefeated Grizzlies, 11-0 and boasting a 23-game winning streak, won the Jayhawk Conference championship at home in El Dorado, Kan., with a 37-26 victory over Coffeyville CC Nov. 7 behind a 399-yard offensive performance led by sophomore quarterback Zac Taylor, who completed 21 of 31 passes (one interception) for 277 yards.

"Taylor's a very good player," Hatten said. "He's got an excellent arm with a quick release and he reads defenses extremely well. It'll be a challenge for our guys to keep a lid on him."

Coffeyville CC, which finished 9-2 overall with both of its losses coming from the claws of the Grizzlies, actually had more offensive yardage in the Jayhawk title game, generating 468 total yards. BCCC, on the other hand, cashed in all four times it was in the red zone and converted four-of-four fourth-down situations in the contest; while managing only two of 12 third-down conversions.

Through 11 games, the Grizzlies have amassed 5,117 total yards for an average of 465.2 yards a game. In PRCC's 11 outings, the Wildcats have generated 4,786 total yards for a 435.1-yard per game average.

"This is a great opportunity for us to showcase our league up there," Hatten continued. "We've heard a lot of great things about the Jayhawk league and there's been lots of national championships won up there."

"Butler has the reputation of being a very physical, hard-nosed team. But we're physical and hard-nosed too and several coaches from up there say we may have an edge as far as speed is concerned. It's going to be a very interesting game. The fans should get a kick out of it."

Butler head coach Troy Morrell sports a 53-6 record in his five years with the Grizzlies.

"This is an exciting time for our football program and we're glad to have the opportunity to repeat as national champions in our home state," Morrell said. "One versus two...you couldn't ask for a better match up."

Taylor has completed 193 of 209 passes, thus far this season for 2,951 yards and 28 touchdowns. By comparison, PRCC All-MACJC red-shirt freshman Jimmy Oliver of East Marion, Region 23's "Player of the Year," has completed 180 of 338 attempts for 3,192 yards (second-best in the NJCAA) and leads the entire nation in individual total offense with 3,355 yards.

Taylor's primary targets have been sophomore wide receivers Frantz Hardy (6-foot-2, 175) and Brian Murph (6-foot-2, 190) who have combined for 1,619 receiving yards. Hardy has 815 yards on 34 catches (five TDs), while Murph has

804 yards on 41 snags with seven scores and is the team's top punt returner averaging 12.3 yards on 30 attempts with one score.

Taylor's efforts are complimented by a trio of top-notch freshmen runners in Kenny Wilson, Ryan Torain, and Daniel Anderson, while have combined for 1,834 rushing yards through 11 games.

Wilson (6-foot, 215 pounds) leads the Grizzlies with 837 yards on 109 attempts and a team-high 13 touchdowns; while Torain (6-foot-2, 205 pounds) has 778 yards on 130 carries and 10 scores. Anderson, the smallest of the threesome at 5-foot-7, 165 pounds, has 419 yards on 104 attempts and nine TDs.

PRCC preseason All-American wide receiver Larry Brackins of Dothan, Ala., led the state in receiving this past season and has generated 950 receiving yards on 44 catches (eight touchdowns), while sophomore counterpart Josh Barnes of Hattiesburg High has 41 catches for 653 yards and five touchdowns.

Hatten, who is 28-4 since taking over the Wildcat program in the spring of 2002, was elated over his team's repeat as MACJC champions.

"I can't say enough about our guys and our coaching staff," Hatten said. "We've played all season long with a bull's-eye on our back, but everybody responded real well and got the job done. We've got a lot of big-time play makers on offense, defense, and special teams and they all made it happen when they had to today."

"It goes to show you that hard work and preparation will get the job done every time. But our work is not finished. A possible national title is waiting for us this weekend."

Pearl River's defense, which stymied Hinds' potent offensive attack for an amazing minus-2 yards rushing in the title game, set the tone on the opening snap of the game when linebacker Edjuan Williamson of Sumrall picked off Eagle quarterback Keats Baldwin at the Eagle 27; marking the first of five interceptions for the Wildcats. Three came thanks to All-Region 23 defensive back Levance Richmond of Lake Wales, Fla.

Richmond, a sure-fire All-American candidate with 11 interceptions through the Wildcats' 11 games, also picked off three Baldwin throws in PRCC's 37-30 regular-season victory Sept. 30 in Raymond. Defensive back Julian McGowan of Prentiss also picked off Baldwin Saturday.

Despite the Eagles' initial turnover, things rolled Hinds' way in the early going as the Wildcats spotted their foe 13 points with less than six minutes gone in the contest. Following Williamson's pick, PRCC drove to midfield only to see Hinds linebacker Bryant Jenkins' intercept Oliver and return it to his own 37. Four plays and two PRCC penalties later, Baldwin hit LeKeldrick Bridges with a 34-yard scoring pass with 10:45 left in the quarter. Kyle Pitt's extra point made it 7-0.

Pearl River answered with a three-and-out on its ensuing series, but the Eagles burst through the line to block the punt. Chris St. John of Oak Grove inside the Wildcat 10 and Terrance Jones recovered the ball in the end zone for the score to pad Hinds' lead with 9:19 left in the period. Pitt missed the PAT.

The untimely miscue seemingly lit a fire under the Wildcats. After Sandy Ray Collins of West Marion returned Hinds' ensuing kickoff to the 35, it took PRCC only five plays to cut into the Eagles' lead when Oliver hit Richmond with a 26-yard scoring pass at the 7:03 mark. St. John's extra point made it 13-7 Hinds.

The Eagles answered with a nine-play drive to the Wildcat 37 before Richmond snatched away Baldwin's third-and-17 heave into the end zone. Three PRCC offensive snaps later, the first quarter ended.

Richmond grabbed his second pick of the afternoon on Hinds' next possession at midfield, setting up Oliver's 48-yard touchdown throw to pre-season All-American Larry Brackins of Dothan,

Ala., two plays later. St. John's PAT with 10:13 left in the half put PRCC up for good at 14-13.

A 2 p.m. kick off is set for the PRCC-Butler battle in Veterans Memorial Stadium.

Wildcats over the airwaves...

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will broadcast PRCC foot-

ball games this fall, includ-

ing WKNZ-FM (107.1) in

Hattiesburg, WFFF-FM

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Kennedy was president the last time PRCC won nat'l championship

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The only time Pearl River Community College won a national championship in football, John F. Kennedy was in his first year as president.

Lyndon Johnson was the vice-president. Alan Shepard became the first American in space aboard Freedom 7. A first-class stamp cost four cents and the Super Bowl was only a wild dream.

Forty-three years have passed since the 1961 Wildcats breezed through their schedule to a 10-0 record, winning a state championship and finishing the year as the No. 1 team in the country. T.D. "Dobie" Holden was the head coach.

A picture of the team hangs in the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Museum in Jackson.

Pearl River Community College was called Pearl River Junior College back then. The team played its home games on a field in the middle of campus, today used mostly for band practice and intramural sports. The concrete bleachers still stand as a reminder of past glory.

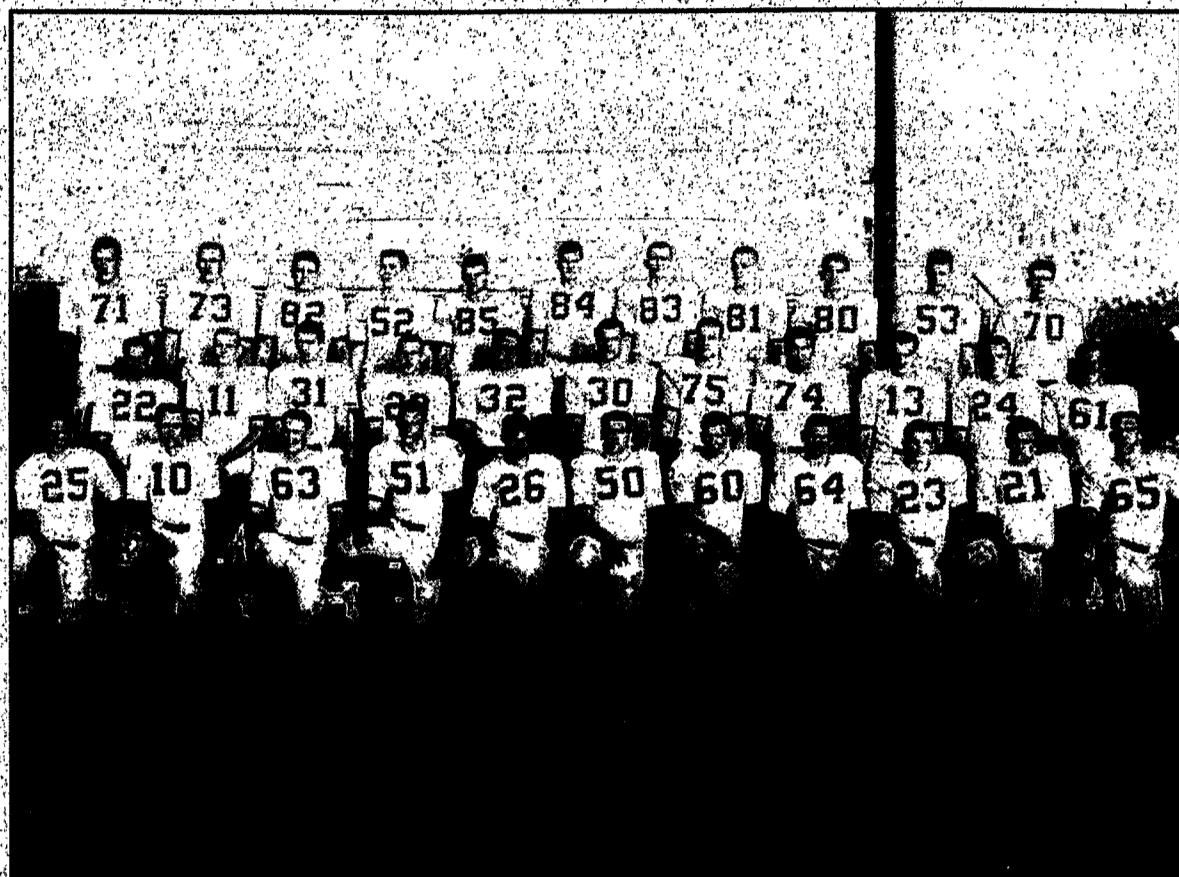
In 1961, the Wildcats had an invitation to play in the Junior Rose Bowl, but integration kept them from making the trip. "We had to wait and see which junior college team was going to win in California," said Tommy Walters, a wide receiver on the 1961 Wildcats. "If Bakersfield had won, they did not have black players, so we were going to play them. They didn't win. That was the issue, back then, and the state of Mississippi made the decision we couldn't go. We were pretty upset about it."

"There was an unwritten rule in Mississippi back then that you did not participate against another team with black players," said John Russell, an assistant coach on the 1961 team.

One thing that hasn't changed over the years is the quality of football.

The 1961 Wildcats won 10 straight and outscored opponents 446-47.

The 2004 Wildcats have won 11 straight and have outscored opponents 461-



1961 National Champs

The 1961 Pearl River Wildcat football team finished the season with a perfect 10-0 record, winning a state championship and finishing the year as the No. 1 team in the country. Team members were from left: Front row - Ed Davis, Johnny Adams, Henry Taylor, Bobby Drake, Ronnie Artigues, Alvin Doyle, Louis Stines, Michael Craft, Paul Farr, Warren Armes and Terry Fernandez. Middle row - Freddy Runte, Mack Cochran, Joe Buffkin, Robert Roper, J.E. Lozano, Larry Hunt, James Pigott, Jim Karg, Freddy Delaney, Bobby Cochran and Eldon Ogeron. Back row - Earl Whitfield, Larry Magee, James Owen, Woody Alliston, T.J. Byrd, Steve Regan, Tommy Walters, Henry Brett, Robert Young, Bill Watts and Malcolm Courtney. Not pictured are guard Troy Stockstill, coach T.D. Dobie Holden, assistant coach John Russell and managers Jim Blakeney and Ike Burks.

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Since 1961, Pearl River has won five state championships and 17 overall, best in the MACJC.

Another thing is the talent. In 1961, few Wildcat players played both ways.

Oddly enough, the 2004 Wildcats had no less than 10 players who played both ways.

Indeed, Pearl River has

Pearl River 44, Hinds 6; Pearl River 42, Jones JC 0.

"We didn't play both ways back then because we had so much talent," said Walters. "Also we never got

to play more than a half. That made it even more frustrating. If we were outside the 50-yard line, we punted on third down. I

don't remember why. Maybe

Coach Holden thought we

were that much more dominate than the other teams

and he was being considerate. He would pull us out of the games.

"There were not many times we punted. On first and second down, we had better get a first down."

Added Russell, "Tommy's right. If you didn't stay close with us by the end of the first half, you could forget it.

Offensively, the Wildcats were led by fleet-footed quarterback Mack Cochran, who played his high school ball at Hattiesburg High. Said Russell, "Cochran's parents lived in Texas, so we had to claim him as an out-

of-stater. You couldn't catch him. It was like trying to catch a rat. He played like (current Atlanta Falcon quarterback) Michael Vick."

It also helped that the Wildcats had wide receivers like Walters, who prepped at Petal High School, and Freddie Runte of Lake Charles, La. Runte was a very fast receiver.

"He would have one of

two touchdown passes before they had the popcorn ready in the concession stand."

By the end of the season, three Wildcats made the JuCo All-American team: Cochran, fullback-linebacker J.E. Lozano of Bay St. Louis, and center Alvin Doyle of New Orleans.

"The reason we were so good on offense is Dobie ran the pro offense at the time," said Russell. "He was the first guy outside of the pros to run it. That's why it was so hard to stop."

Playing for Holden was a

unique experience for these

Wildcats.

"We played for a legend when he was a legend," said Walters. "He was the kind of guy everybody tried to impersonate. He would sit down on the sidelines in a folding chair and call the plays from there."

"His practices were something. We would run the same play over and over again for the entire two hours of practice. His famous saying was, 'we are going to run this play a thousand times until we get

it right.' Everybody who ever played for him will remember that saying."

For many players on the 1961 Wildcats, their careers were far from over.

"I remember 22 of us off that team received scholarships to four-year colleges," said Walters. "They weren't just little schools; schools like Mississippi State, Houston, Tulane and Southern (Mississippi). This team was without a doubt the greatest junior college team ever in the state."

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Nathan Barber weaves a classic tale in his 165-page epic of a knight's adventures during the Third Crusade. The action-packed story is filled with grand battles, high drama and even a bit of romance, and is penned in a style appealing to historical fiction fans and young adults alike. *Keeper of the Cross* is the story of a common man attempting uncommon feats against all odds.

Keeper of the Cross is

Barber's ninth manuscript but his first work of fiction. His others are educational books ranging in topic from European and U.S. history to test preparation to reading and vocabulary development. Barber currently is working on his second novel. *Keeper of the Cross* is available for order through all online booksellers and through any bookstore.

Nathan Barber can be reached for interviews, speaking engagements, or appearances at nathan@nathanbarber.com or at 254-715-0098. More information about Nathan Barber and his literary work is available at www.nathanbarber.com.

Biographical Information

In addition to his debut novel, *Keeper of the Cross*, Nathan Barber has authored eight educational books in such areas as European history, reading, spelling, vocabulary development and test preparation; he has also written four classroom daily warm-up guides for teachers in conjunction with Sparknotes. Barber teaches history and serves as Assistant Head of School at Vanguard College Preparatory School in Waco, Texas, where he lives with his wife and two children. A 1989 graduate of Bay High in Bay St. Louis and a 1994 graduate of William Carey College in Hattiesburg with a degree in History and Social Science, Barber currently

is enrolled in graduate school at Baylor University and is working on a masters degree in education.

The titles to his credit include:

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Experience "What A Wonderful Christmas" it can be with Anne Murray in four performances at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis, December 9 - 12. Shows start at 8 p.m. on Thursday, December 9th, 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, December 10th & 11th and 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 12th. With album sales now exceeding 40 million units, Anne Murray is considered one of the world's most celebrated voices.

Tickets are available for: \$24.95, \$29.95 and \$34.95 by calling the Casino Magic Box Office at 1-800-5-MAGIC-5 or through any Ticketmaster outlet.

Born in Springhill, Nova Scotia in June of 1945 to Dr. Carson and Marion Murray, Anne was the only daughter amongst five sons. Sports



Anne Murray

and music were family pastimes so it was no surprise when Anne attended the University of New Brunswick and graduated in 1966 with a degree in Physical Education.

After a year of teaching

in PEI and a summer working with CBC's Halifax based on Singalong Jubilee, Murray took a leap of faith. She left her secure job to join the television cast full time; a pivotal decision and one that would forever change her life.

In 1968 she headed to Toronto to record her first album *What About Me*. One year later, she released the follow-up album, *This Way Is, My Way*. That album included "Snowbird" and in 1970 Anne Murray would become the first Canadian solo female artist to ever receive an American Gold award.

Hits such as "Danny's Song," "You Needed Me," "Could I Have This Dance," "Love Song," "Just Another Woman in Love," and "Shadows in the Moonlight" soon followed, solidifying

Murray's place in music history.

Throughout her distinguished 36-year career, the four-time Grammy award winner has effortlessly crossed genre lines from pop to country to adult contemporary. Murray has received three American Music Awards and countless country music awards.

She is currently in the studio working on a new CD of standards from the 40's. A world-class singer and entertainer, Anne Murray continues to thrill audiences throughout North America with a voice as legendary as the songs she sings.

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The University of Mobile is calling for entries in the 14th annual "Art With a Southern Drawl" juried competition, which features the best in visual arts from seven southern states.

The competition is open to artists working in any media, and only original art is accepted. Artists must either be born in or currently live in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee or Texas. Applications and rules are available on the website at www.umobile.edu/awsd or by contacting the University of Mobile at (800) 946-7267, Ext. 2280 or (251) 442-2280, or by email at UMdraw@yahoo.com. Applications must be postmarked by Jan. 12, 2005. The show will be on display at the University of Mobile from April 1-30, 2005.

"Art With a Southern Drawl" is under the direction of Charles M. Clark, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Mobile. Wanda Sullivan, art instructor, is assistant director. Awards will be given for Best in Show, Award of Excellence, Spirit of the South, Southern Humor, I did it

and I'm glad, and merit awards.

The University of Mobile is a private Christian university located in Mobile, Ala., and affiliated with the Alabama Baptist State Convention. UM offers bachelor's and master's degrees through the College

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JOHN F. AUDERER, JR.
MARJORIE F. AUDERER EXECUTRICE
CAUSE NO. 04-0192
SUMMONS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COURT OF HANCOCK

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS/AT-
LAW OF JOHN F. AUDERER, JR., DECEASED,
AND ANY OTHER PERSON CLAIMING ANY
RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO
THE ESTATE OF JOHN F. AUDERER, JR.,
DECEASED

You have been made respondents in the lawsuit
filed in the Court by Marjorie F. Auderer.

Executive. The Petition filed against you has in-
stated a claim against you in Marjorie F.
Auderer, Jr., Estate, File #04-0192, Linda, Vicki
and Cooper Stevens' Auderer adjudicated and
decreed; by this Court to be the sole and only
heirs at law of John F. Auderer, Jr., Deceased, as
stated in the Petition filed in the Chancery
Court of Hancock County, Mississippi.

You are summoned to appear and defend
against the claim filed against you in this action
at 9:30 a.m. on the 14th day of March 2005, in the
Chancery Court of Hancock, File #04-0192, Linda,
Vicki and Cooper Stevens' Auderer adjudicated and
decreed; by this Court to be the sole and only
heirs at law of John F. Auderer, Jr., Deceased, as
stated in the Petition filed in the Chancery
Court of Hancock County, Mississippi.

You are summoned to appear and defend a judgment will
be entered against you for the money or other
things demanded in the petition.

You are summoned to file an answer or other
pleading but you do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and seal of this Court
on the 18th day of Nov., 2004.

'SEAL'

DATED: 11/16/04

Timothy A. Kellar
Chancery Court Clerk
Hancock County, Mississippi
By: Lorraine Scarborough
Deputy Clerk

11/16/04 12/20/04

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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ningfield, will be received at the office of the
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20, 2004 at which time bids shall be public-
ly opened and read. Bidders are to bid in addition
to the marking required in the "Contract Documents
and Specifications."

The work involves, but is not limited to, the
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The tower will be a steel frame, masonry encased
with a composite steel deck and concrete floors.
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The project includes utilities and aerial lighting
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Contract documents, "specifications," and draw-
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shall be made payable to the Hancock
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The bidder (proposer) must supply all information
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number shall be indicated on the exterior of
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shall be required to furnish a certificate of
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'Port and Harbor Commission' before
execution of the contract.

The Hancock County Port and Harbor Com-
mission reserves the right to reject any or all bids
and to waive formality, except for conditions
affecting Executive Order 1246.

Bids must remain in effect for 60 days after the
bid opening date.

Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission
By: Harry J. Farve, Secretary

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KILN WATER & FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
11/16/11/25/04

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI,
PLAINTIFF.

KELLY WARD BLAKE, JR. and
LAURA A. BLAKE DEFENDANTS.

TO: KELLY WARD BLAKE, JR. and wife
LAURA A. BLAKE

You have been made Defendants in the suit filed
in this Court by Hancock Bank, seeking a money,
judgment and costs.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a written
response to the Plaintiff filed against you in
this action to Nicholas M. Haas, Attorney for
Plaintiff, who will receive the same addressed to
Nicholas M. Haas, Esquire
Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission
By: Harry J. Farve, Secretary

11/16/11/25/04

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI,

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS/AT-LAW OF BENJAMIN ALBERT BROWN, DECEASED

ARTHUR S. BROWN PETITIONER

SUMMONS

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS/AT-LAW OF BENJAMIN ALBERT BROWN, DECEASED, whose names, post office
and street addresses are unknown after diligent
search and inquiry.

You have been made Defendants in the suit filed
in the Chancery Court by the heirs of Law of
Benjamin Albert Brown; Petitioners, seeking
the adjudication and determinations of the
Heirs Law of Benjamin Albert Brown.

You are summoned to appear and defend
against the petition filed against you in the action
at 9:30 o'clock a.m. on the 13th day of January,
2005, in the courtroom of the Hancock County
Courthouse at Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mis-
sissippi, 39558 in person or in writing, and if you
appear and defend, a judgment will be entered
against you for the money or other things
demanded in the petition.

You are not required to appear and answer or other
pleading but you do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and seal of this Court,
the 22 day of November, 2004.

(SEAL)

PAMELA T. METZLER,
CIRCUIT CLERK

BY: Joleen Clevett, D.C.

DEPUTY CLERK

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CAUSE NO. C2001-04-0384
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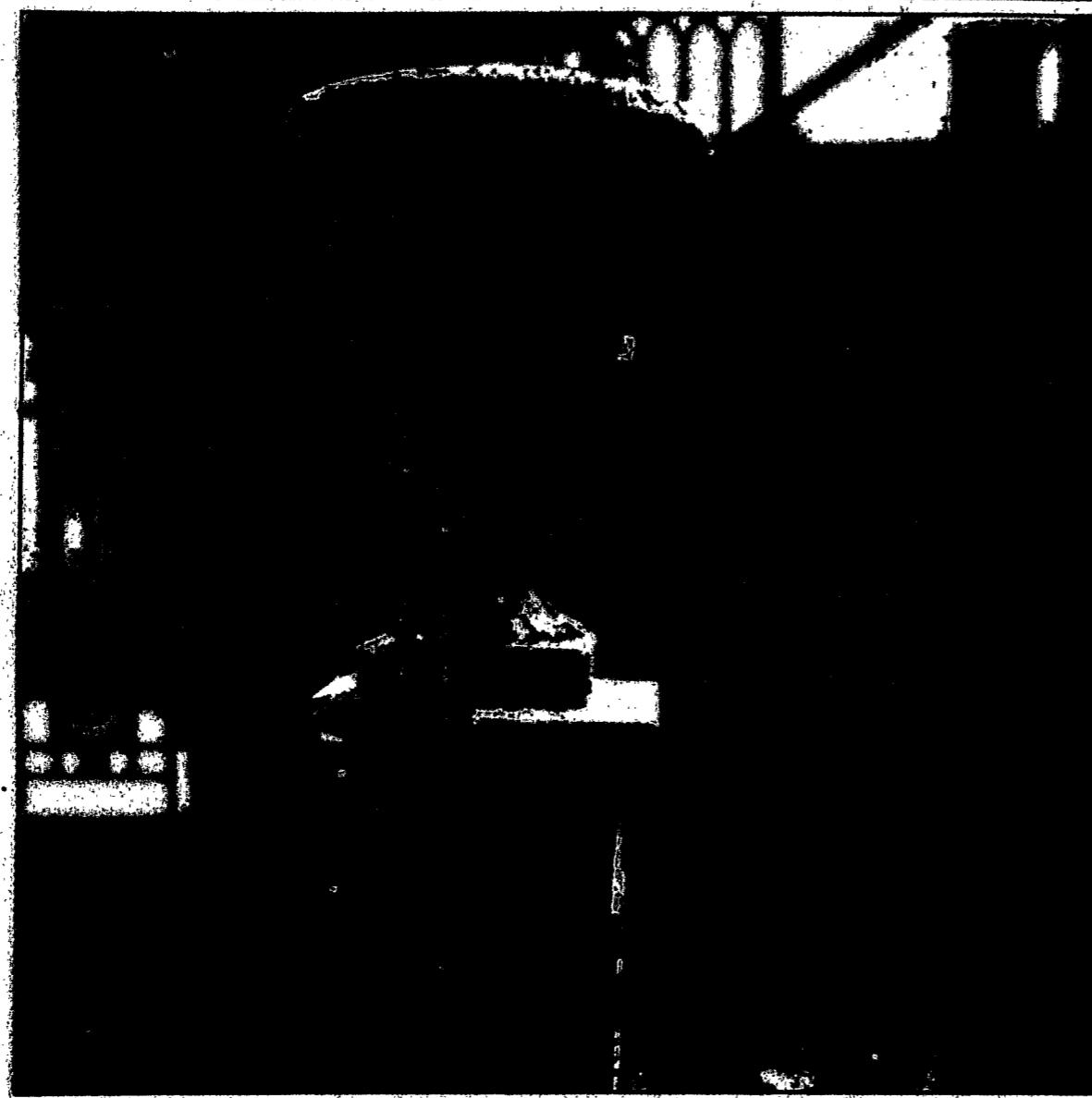
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This \$1,200 reproduction stone fountain, complements of FRENCH FOUNTAINS, located on St. Charles Ave. in New Orleans will be raffled off on Friday, Dec. 3, during a fundraiser for St. Rose de Lima Church at the home of Sherry and Kevin Webster, 502 N. Beach Blvd. in Bay St. Louis. There are only 40 tickets left. Call Sherry at 466-3420 for more information.

Holiday Fundraiser for St. Rose de Lima Church set for Dec. 3

Friday, December 3rd sets the date for a fundraiser for St. Rose de Lima Church. The event will take place at 502 N. Beach Blvd. in Bay St. Louis. This renovated Queen Ann Victorian, formerly The 2003 Viking Holiday House, will be the setting for this elaborate dinner party.

Chappy's Seafood Restaurant will prepare the elegant buffet, complete

with an open Bar and Chappy's signature bread, butters and cakes!

Cardinal Flowers in Gulfport will be in charge of the decorations, and St. Rose's Pianist Al Ackers with members of the St. Rose Choir will entertain the guests with Christmas Carols and Spirituals.

The \$75 per person tickets are limited and must be reserved and paid for prior

to the event. All proceeds will benefit St. Rose de Lima Church's building fund. A raffle will be included in the fundraiser. A \$1,200 reproduction stone fountain, complements of FRENCH FOUNTAINS, located on St. Charles Ave. in New Orleans will be raffled off.

For more information, please call Sherry Webster at 228-466-3420.

Our Lady Academy Honor Roll

Sister Jacqueline Howard, principal of Our Lady Academy, has announced that sixty-eight percent of the OLA student body has achieved the honor roll for the first quarter of the 2004-2005 school year.

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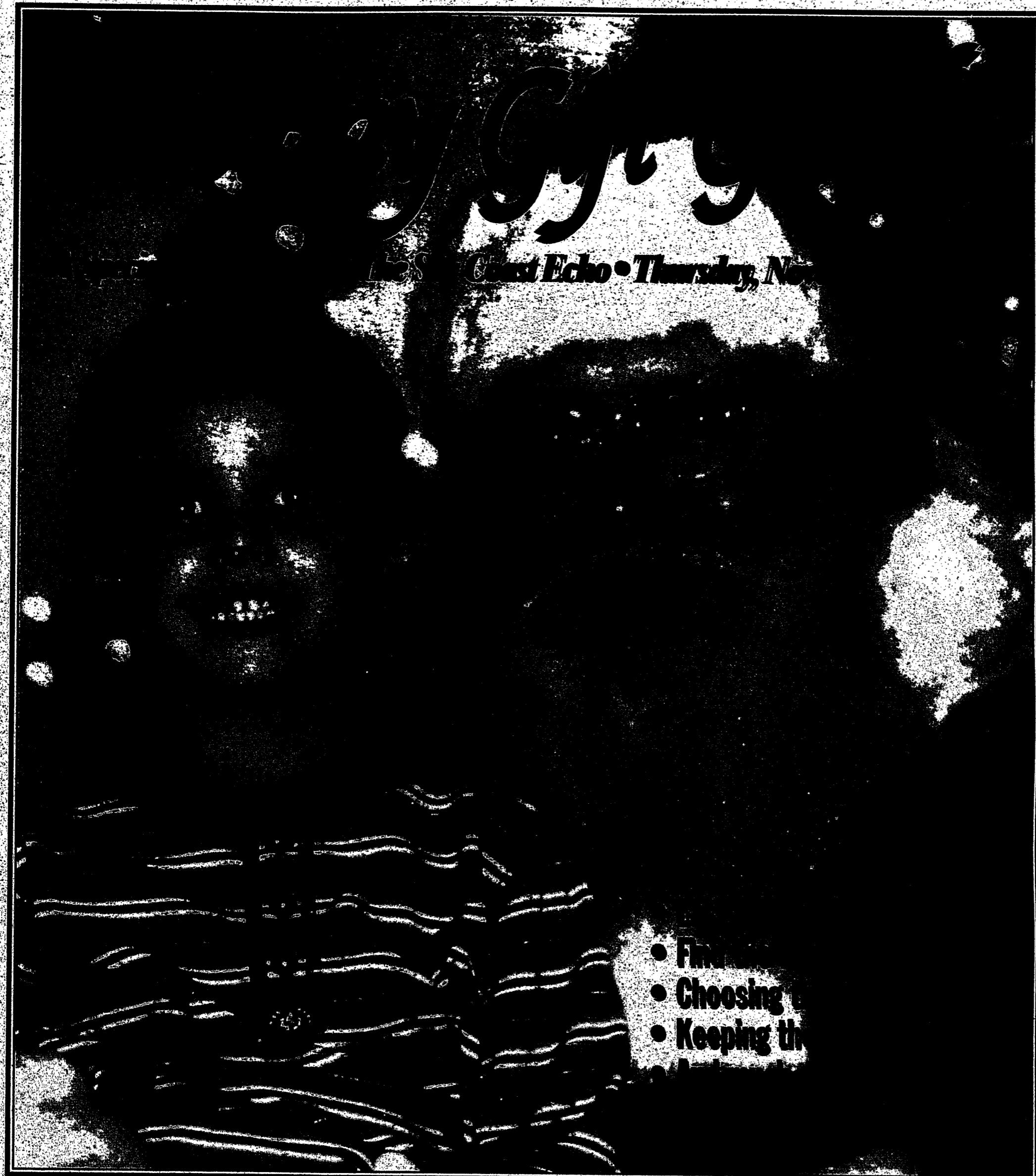
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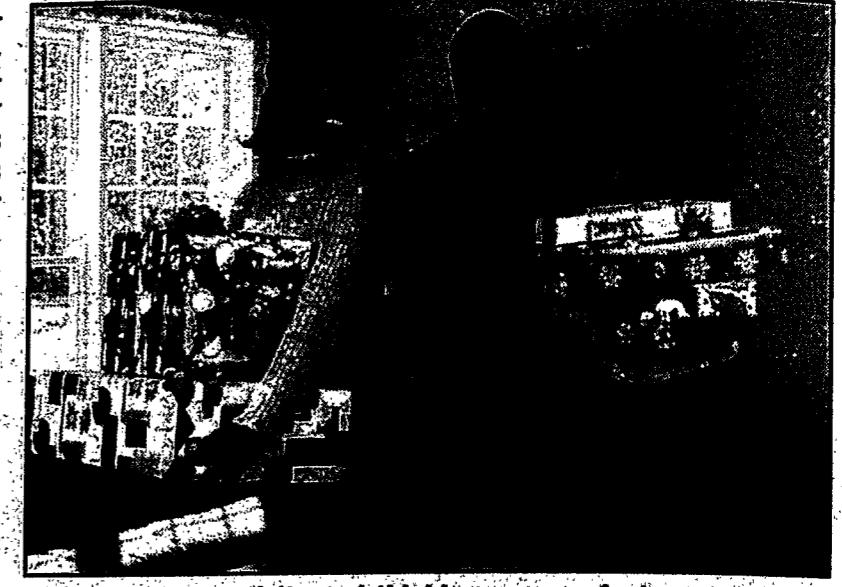
You look at the calendar on Monday. Oh no! Your sister's holiday party is this Saturday. You have only days to get gifts for her and her husband, their 15-year-old daughter and their 2-year-old son. Where do you even begin? You sigh, knowing that your gifts are definitely going to look like you forgot about the party.

Relax! It is possible to give last-minute gifts that will look anything but last minute. Just remember that if you need several gifts, try to buy as many as you can at the same location. Follow this guide and you'll be the best aunt in the family!

KIDS

* Stop at the toy store or drug store and pick up a stuffed animal.

* Pick up an art set for older kids. If you can't find a premade one, make it yourself. Visit the local art or stationery store and load up on crayons, colored pencils, a watercolor set, a drawing pad and a tracing pad.



With a little creativity and thinking on your feet, you can give last-minute gifts that won't be buried in the closet.

* Puzzles, picture books and coloring books are fun and educational. Choose one that suits the child's interests, like Barbie or cars. Just make sure the age on the box matches the child's age.

* Few kids will turn down a DVD. If you aren't sure about their fave flicks, you can never go wrong with Disney films, which are generally appropriate for all age groups.

* Give a gift certificate so they can pick out their own movie.

TEENS

* Give teens cash and who knows where they'll spend it. Give a gift certificate and it will be put to use at a store of your choice. It doesn't have to be for a clothing store: Treat the recipient to hot chocolate at a coffee chain or DVD rental at a video chain.

* Girls love any excuse to go glam. A bath set with body lotion, shower gel and scented soaps is a gift that will not be buried beneath a pile of laundry.

* Teens spend many a Friday night at the movies. Buy them some passes for flicks and free popcorn. And ask them to give you their reviews after the show!

* Teens love to follow celebrities in magazines like YM and sports in Sports Illustrated. Give them a subscription to their favorite magazine for a gift that will last all year long. When giving the gift, roll up a few issues of the magazine and

tie with ribbon.

* Teens spend many hours on the computer. Visit an electronics store and pick up a game that's educational, fun or entertaining or a combination thereof. Think about what kind you want in advance so you are not overwhelmed once you hit the store.

* High-school days are often spent snapping photos. Pictures frames will be put to good use and are inexpensive, too. Any size works, but a good choice is to get ones that can hold wallet-sized yearbook photos.

ADULTS

* Hit the local liquor store for a bottle of wine. The best part is that you can spend as little or as much as you like. Wrap in a wine bag or leave as is.

* Food will always win raves. Go for something out of the ordinary like caviar or smoked salmon. Or try a traditional twist with a box of assorted chocolates. For an inexpensive gift, fill a bag or jar of the recipient's favorite candy or nuts.

* Feed cinema buffs' habits with a movie guide. They will love one that is full of trivia, biographies and movie synopses.

* Pick up some passes to a local attraction, such as free admission to the local amusement park or museum. Get creative in your presentation.

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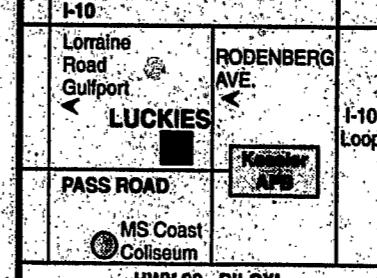
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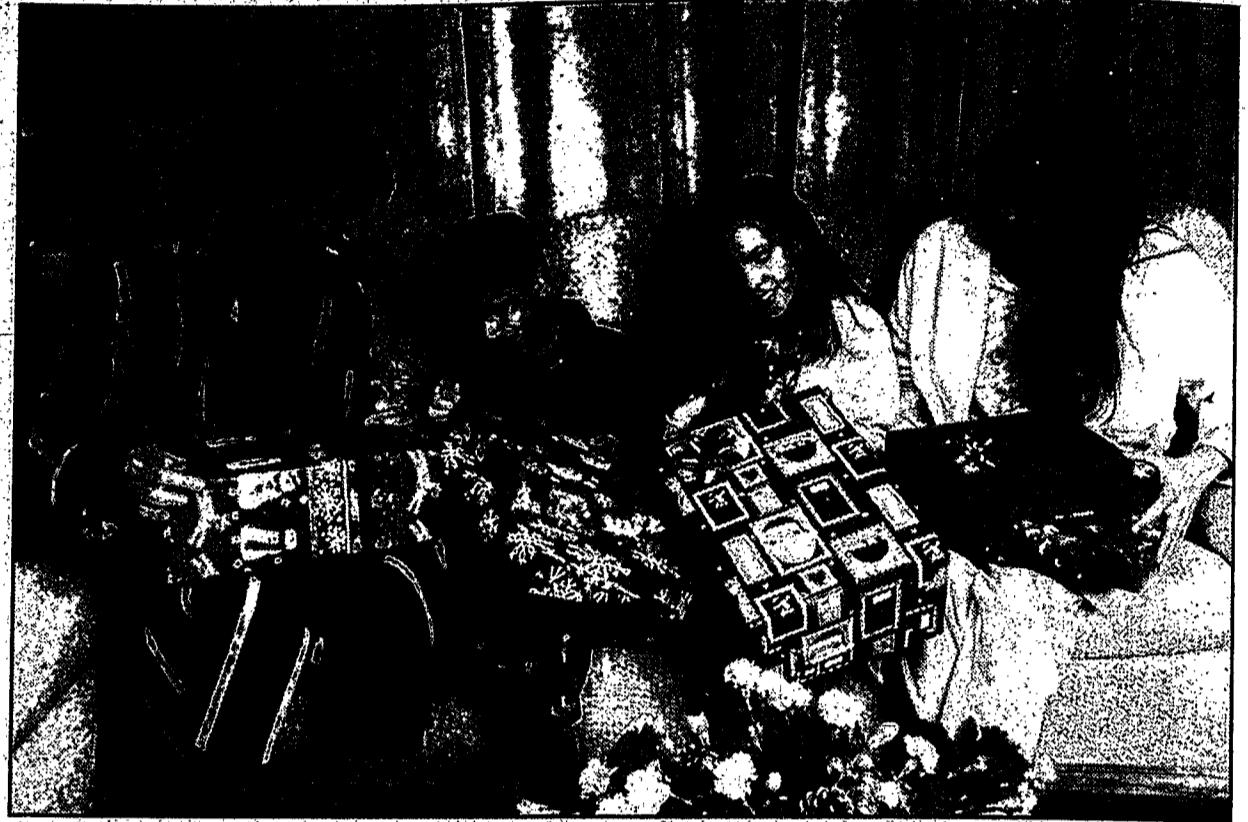
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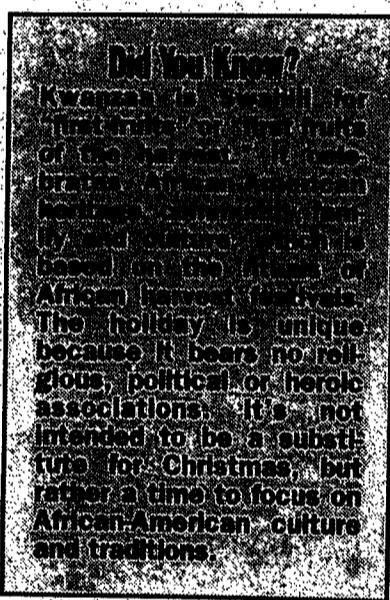
Infuse More Meaning Into Holiday Traditions

Many people argue that the holidays have become too commercial and materialistic. After all, you often see holiday decorations and advertisements as early as October. While everyone purchases gifts, attends parties and sends out cards, deeper sentiments are often lost in the shuffle.

This year, try to slow down and create some thought-provoking traditions that can be passed down through the generations. Here are a few ideas:

1. Make decorating a family affair. Purchase a family ornament or decoration annually. It will represent the milestones that you've accomplished during the year. Have the kids help with decorating, and point out any sentimental family heirlooms. It will help youngsters attain a deeper respect for these items.

2. Shop for meaningful gifts. Give a gift that suits the recipient's interests. If she is a budding baker, create a gift basket filled with cook-



ing utensils. If he is an avid fisherman, gather up lures, weights and other appropriate accessories. It's not about how much you've spent, but rather that you understand what the person can really use and appreciate.

3. Help out others. Volunteer your time at a senior center or children's home. Brightening someone's day during the holidays may encourage you to make it a year-round activity.

4. Learn about other religions. Take the opportunity

to share in the celebrations of friends or family who practice other faiths. Discover what traditions they employ and see if you can incorporate some of them into your holiday celebrations.

5. Decorate sparingly. Don't frivolously spend your money on over-the-top decorations. With a little ingenuity, you can create wonderful decorations for a fraction of the cost. Put those saved dollars toward a better and more meaningful use.

6. Practice patience and tolerance. The holidays are a busy time. Traffic jams and pedestrian overflow may make your commute or trip to the store more stressful than usual. Malls will be jammed and cashier lines will be endless. Stay focused and patient rather than taking it out on those around you. It's not worth getting upset over something so insignificant.

7. Make gift-giving the secondary focus of your holidays. Stress the importance of family togetherness, faith and the true meaning behind each holiday.

Shop Bargains This Holiday Season

Shopping for holiday gifts can be an expensive task, especially when you're looking for the latest trends for gift recipients. Holiday shopping can be even more pricey for those who wait until the last minute to scour the stores, as opposed to those who hunt for the best deals.

The savvy shopper can find bargains on name-brand duds and more if he or she knows where to look this holiday season. That is the main philosophy behind Duty Free Apparel, a designer discount store located in the heart of New York City's garment district. Owner Joel Soren tapped into the potential of offering discounted designer merchandise to the public during his days as a retail wholesaler. His outlet store is overflowing with the current season's shoes, bags and accessories from top designers, including Gucci, Prada, Fendi, Tod's and more.



The savvy shopper can find bargains this holiday shopping season, like designer bags and shoes.

Sores and his staff stock up on items that customers will fawn over in the weeks to come. The company periodically travels to Italy for buying trips and returns with their finds. New merchandise is offered in the outlet each week, often before it appears in top stores across the country. The added bonus is that his items are priced 20 to 50 percent off retail price tags. How do they do it? Their European office buys directly from store stock. Thus, they eliminate the expensive middleman and intermediaries, who traditionally contribute to the markup of merchandise.

BARGAIN HUNTING 101

You don't have to head to the big city for deals. It's easier than taking a road trip, so

than you think to find bargains right in your area or at your favorite store for everyone on your holiday shopping list. Here are some handy tips to keep in mind when shopping sales.

* Sample sales and overstock sales are great places to find discounted merchandise. Look for advertisements in your newspaper and by subscribing to stores' e-mail newsletters.

* Sales are generally held at the end of the season, so you can stock up on items you currently need or save them for the following year.

* "First come, first served" is the mantra of many sales. Get there early for the best item and size selection. Lunchtime is often the most crowded time of day.

scuffs, etc.

* Sign up for mailing lists where available so that you'll get "invitations" to private "pre-sales," or just to be informed of what's currently in stock.

* A good tailor can hem a

pair of pants or sew a button. But sometimes if the merchandise is damaged beyond repair, it's not worth spending more on the repair than you did on the item. So pass it up, no matter how cheap the price.

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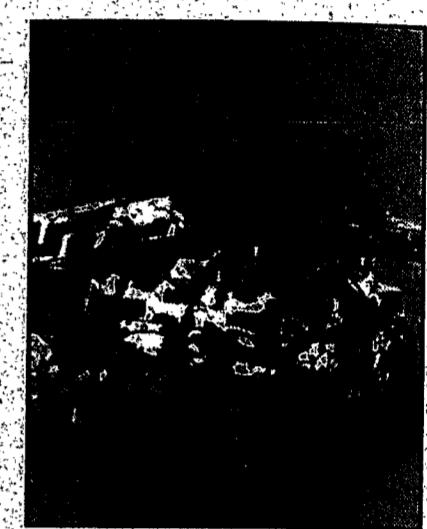
When the holidays arrive, many people are excited about the prospect of giving and receiving gifts, sharing moments with loved ones and celebrating religious traditions. Yet, for the many homeless families, less fortunate individuals or orphaned children, the holidays can be a disappointing time of year. Lack of money or resources can make holiday gifts and delicious meals nonexistent.

That is why it is so important for those who have the means to spread some cheer to those who do without. It is very easy to get involved. Here are some tips to get you started:

CHEER FOR CHILDREN

- * Contact your place of worship or a support club in your area to locate children who are in need.
- * Donate toys, books and games to a shelter or youth-oriented group.
- * Think of specific things you can do to improve the quality of life for the child's family, such as buying food for a holiday meal or purchasing train tickets so they can visit relatives.
- * Consider serving as a mentor. The Big Brothers Big Sisters organization can facilitate the process.
- * Purchase a coupon book for treats at a restaurant or nights out at the movies. This gift will last long after the holidays.

- * Buy warm clothing, boots or a coat for the child, and give these items directly to the child, if possible.
- * Provide the child with new school supplies, such as a backpack, sneakers, notebook or a lunch box.
- * Spend time with a needy child, reading or engaging in another quality activity.
- * Plan an outing for a child who rarely goes out. Take him or her somewhere fun, like a holiday performance, the zoo or the circus.



* Donate holiday decorations to a child's home or a shelter.

* Bake holiday cookies with a child.

ASSIST ADULTS

- * Volunteer at a soup kitchen or homeless shelter.
- * Donate food, clothing and gifts. Adults deserve some cheer, too.
- * Treat a needy individual to a day of indulgence. Take him or her on a trip to the beauty salon or out for a day of shopping.
- * Spend time with someone who could use some company. Don't overlook the elderly or handicapped.
- * Invite someone who is far from family or alone for the holidays to your holiday celebration.
- * Don't underestimate the power of a greeting card. Take your time expressing the right sentiments and you can easily make someone's day.

These tips can help make the holidays a bit brighter. Remember, if you are purchasing clothing for an individual, it should be new and clean. Donate used items to a shelter or police, athletic league who will distribute them properly. Who knows — after you experience the joy of giving during the holidays, you may want to make it a year-long tradition.

Successful Holiday Photos

The holiday season offers many magical moments you'll want to treasure for years to come. Family gatherings are an ideal time to document family history. To help preserve these magical moments, one in four Americans will scrapbook their memories this year. With today's technology, it's easy to capture your family history and preserve your special memories. Here are some things to think about before the next family event.

1. Record what you know about family members — birth dates and birthplaces, married names and maiden names, spouses and other family members. This will help pinpoint any missing information.

2. Make a list of the shots you want to take. Consider groupings of generations, such as all grandparents, or grandparents with grandchildren. Try posing all siblings or cousins, or even those who share a family name. For fun, arrange family members from the youngest to oldest, or tallest to shortest. Or, document milestones by photographing the oldest, the youngest, or the family member who came the farthest.

3. Take your photos early in the day. Everyone will still be fresh and smiling, the kids will be clean, and you won't risk running out of time.

4. Don't underestimate the number of photos you'll want to take. If you're using a traditional camera, pack plenty of film. If you're using a digital camera, be sure to bring extra memory cards. Consider including a few disposable cameras that can be passed around to all in attendance, so you can gather multiple perspectives of the event.

5. During the event, interview family members who can fill in the missing blanks in your family survey. Ask about childhood memories, family traditions and recipes, and what they've accomplished since the last gathering.

6. After the event, ensure that your family history is preserved for future generations. A downside to digital



Scrapbooking is an easy way to preserve your holiday memories.

photography is that most computer printer inks are not moisture resistant, and digital prints are more likely to smear, run and fade than traditional photos.

To ensure long-lasting photo quality, archivists say certain steps should be taken. Krylon's Preserve It! (R) is a spray-on digital photo and paper protectant which doubles the life of digi-

tal and traditional photos, protects them from early aging and makes them resistant to moisture and fading. It's used by artists and fine institutions for the preservation of priceless artwork, and consumers can use the same advanced technology to preserve their home photos.

Easy-to-use Preserve It!, available in matte and gloss finishes, dries quickly, and its clear formula will not alter the finished photos. Use it to protect the written family history you've recorded, too.

7. Finally, store your photos correctly. Basements and attics are two of the worst places to store precious photos and other papers. Also, do not display photos in direct sunlight. Instead, store them in a cool place, away from high humidity.

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These days, more than ever, pets have become pampered members of the family. Just look at the way Paris Hilton fawns over little Tinkerbell! That's why it comes as no surprise that pet owners want to include their furry, feathered or fishy friends in on the holidays.

Having a 'pet'-tacular holiday takes planning and precautions. Here are some basic guidelines for keeping pets safe and happy this season.

PET GOODIES AND GIFTS

When everyone is gathered around, opening gifts, make sure your pets can enjoy the action (or steer clear of the confusion, if you prefer).

* Wrap favorite treats for dogs and cats. Abrupt changes in your pet's diet can cause severe stomach distress, leading to vomiting and diarrhea. If you want to give your dog or cat a taste of the holiday, serve him plain, small portions of meat without sauces or spices and fresh veggies.

* Purchase new accessories for your pet this holiday season. Update worn

leashes or collars, or upgrade your fish tank accessories.

* Let your cat or dog romp through wrapping paper and boxes you've unwrapped, but remove ribbons, yarn, and aluminum foil first. They'll love frolicking in the tissue paper, too.

* Stuff small dog treats into a bone so that your pooch can spend hours trying to dislodge the treat inside. It will help keep him occupied while you're enjoying dinner or when it's not a good time for him to be out and about.

KEEP PETS SAFE

The ASPCA publishes safety guidelines for keeping your pet safe during the festivities. Here are some of their tips:

* DON'T give pets your leftovers. Abrupt changes in your pet's diet can cause severe stomach distress, leading to vomiting and diarrhea. If you want to give your dog or cat a taste of the holiday, serve him plain, small portions of meat without sauces or spices and fresh veggies.

* DO set aside a safe and quiet space for your pet during the commotion of the season, especially if you are expecting guests. Holiday crowds and noise can frighten animals.

* DON'T trim your home with poisonous plants that can be harmful to your pets. Holly, ivy, mistletoe, and poinsettias can be deadly if consumed by curious critters.

* DO provide fresh water for your pet and be sure to keep cats and dogs away from Christmas tree water, which can contain fertilizers and bacteria that can upset your pet's stomach.

* DON'T make your tree an attractive climbing post for your cat. Position your tree on a wide, flat and stable base, and anchor the tree to a

window or wall with a fishing line. Decorate with animal-safe items such as dried flowers, pine cones, or fabric and wood ornaments. Also, don't place lit candles or glass ornaments on shelving, mantles or places that kitty likes to pounce.

HOLIDAY TRAVEL WITH PETS

Taking your pet on a trip to see the relatives? Be prepared to avoid complications with these tips:

* If you're traveling by car, make sure your pet is adequately secured and not free to roam. You can purchase a travel crate or a pet seatbelt to secure your pet.

* Most airlines have restrictions about pets, including carriers that meet specific requirements. Your pet will likely be stored in the baggage compartment of the plane, so make sure your pet's carrier is clearly marked.

* Also, bring along proof of recent vaccinations, including rabies shots. You may be asked for a veterinarian's stamp of approval on the pet's health. Don't assume that smaller breeds of dogs or cats will be allowed in the airplane's cabin. Always call ahead for information.

* It is unlikely that pets will be allowed on coach buses or trains. Call ahead to check your carrier's policy.

* Pack all your pet's essentials. Like a child, he or she may become agitated being away from the comforts of home. Also, it may take time for some dogs to get acclimated to drinking water in another city or state, leading to stomach upset or diarrhea. As a preventative measure, bring some bottled water from home.

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The Right Doll for Your Child

Think back. There was probably a special doll that was your constant companion throughout your childhood. You, no doubt, want your own children to experience the same joy and comfort that your favorite doll brought you. At the same time, you want that doll to be appropriate for your children's interests, supportive of their development and, of course, sturdy enough for their active lifestyles.

Today, there are almost as many dolls on the market as there are children to play with them. Caucasian, Hispanic, Asian, and African-American dolls are available, from preemie to toddler age, to suit every child. But how do you find the right doll for your child? To make the selection process easier, here are a few tips from the experts at Corolle dolls.

CONSTRUCTION

Children develop a strong bond with their dolls, so whichever one you choose, it should be able to withstand the rigors of play. If you have an active child, you may want a doll with a sealed vinyl body. This will guarantee durability when your little one takes her in the water or decides that they should share lunch. A soft-bodied doll is good for cuddling and may be a better choice for younger children.

The size of the doll should be proportionate to a child's size and strength. Ideally, when she cradles the doll in



Considering your child's age, size, and interests will enable you to choose an appropriate doll that she will want to play with for hours.

her forearm, the little girl should be able to hold the doll's bottom in her hand, and its head should nestle in the crook of her elbow — exactly the way a baby would be held by an adult. The weight should also be proportionate to that of the child, which makes the doll easy to manage.

CHARACTERISTICS

Remember to choose a doll designed for your child's age and interests. If your child is captivated by practicing care-

who has a wardrobe and accessories designed especially for her. A doll that features clothing and a host of accessories will extend the overall play value and keep a child enchanted for hours.

One manufacturer that specializes in finely-crafted and unique dolls is Corolle. Attention to detail is evident in the quality of every doll. Dolls resemble real children's faces, with authentically sculpted expressions, including dimples and freckles. Corolle dolls are also lightly scented with vanilla so when your little one cuddles tight, she is reassured by a pleasant and familiar smell. The dolls are durable and easy to maintain. Many are machine washable, except those with rooted hair or all-vinyl bodies, which are hand washable. Only dolls with a mechanism included inside cannot be submerged in water.

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Millions of gamers are making their lists and checking them twice. Be sure Nyko computer and video game peripherals are on there so Santa knows to stock up on these hot gift items. This year, St. Nick and Nyko are collaborating to put a smile on everyone's face, delivering different products to suit all kinds of game lovers.

With Microsoft's Xbox Live™ service enticing fans of Tom Clancy's Splinter Cell(R), Pandora Tomorrow™ and Counter Strike™ to jump online, the need for good communication accessories has become a must-have. The company offers a super-comfortable headset alternative with crisp sound for voice chat: the Nyko SpeakerCom™.

Retailing for \$24.99, SpeakerCom is a revolution speaker and microphone combination unit that attaches to any Xbox controller. The device allows players to speak and listen to other



Holiday gift-giving is easy for gaming enthusiasts. Keep him or her comfortable with a controller featuring patented Air Flo technology.

players without the distraction of a headset. The product also features a self-muting microphone for privacy and a volume-controlled speaker so everyone in the room can hear what's happening in the game.

Nyko has also packed its award-winning hand-cooling Air Flo technology into a wireless controller. Wireless Air Flo controllers for Sony PlayStation(R) 2, Microsoft Xbox(R), Nintendo GameCube(R) and PC keep cool air flowing and hands dry and feature RF wireless technology for lag-free gameplay. All of these controllers retail for under \$60.00.

Improved versions of the company's wired controllers

are also available. The Air Flo XL for Sony PlayStation 2 features Nyko's hand-cooling technology, soft rubber grips with cross-flow ridges and a high tech style. The Air Flo EX for the PC features patented Air Flo technology plus dual air speeds, unique button programming and keyboard and mouse emulation.

You can find plenty of other great holiday gifts and stocking stuffers from Nyko, such as lighting devices, controllers, memory cards and other accessories for all major gaming systems.

These products are available at major consumer electronics, software and retail toy stores nationwide.

DID YOU KNOW?

December 26 was traditionally known as St. Stephen's Day, named for the first Christian martyr. Celebrated in many countries, including Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United Kingdom, it is now more commonly known as Boxing Day. According to historians, this expression came about because money was collected in alms boxes placed in churches during the festive season. This money was then distributed to the poor and needy after Christmas. It is thought that Boxing Day was first observed in the Middle Ages. The holiday regained popularity in the 1800s when wealthy Britons presented gifts in boxes to their servants on December 26 in appreciation of their work during the Christmas celebrations.

Games: The Gift That Keeps on Giving

With the holiday shopping season around the corner, the only aisle to visit to shop for the entire family is the games aisle. And, not just video games, consider board games and card games that bond family and friends to make the holidays a little warmer and create hours of fun.

With games and puzzles sales up more than 10 percent in 2003, according to the Toy Industry Association, the benefits of games for kids and adults are equally as important as the fun they bring to the table.

GAMES FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

Engaging kids with games at a young age helps to encourage important learning and developmental skills. It also promotes sharing and interaction with playmates.

Newly introduced The Lion Sleeps Tonight Game from Fisher-Price(R), is an interactive game that gives kids a fun, musical adventure. Kids try to be the first player to travel through the jungle to the animal picnic. It sounds easy, but there is a sleeping lion between the start and finish and if he wakes up, everyone must scurry back to the nearest bush to hide until the lion goes down for a nap.

"The rhythm, rhyme and repetition of music like in The Lion Sleeps Tonight Game helps children learn," said Dr. Kathleen Alfano, director of child research.

Fisher-Price. "And, when parents play games with their children, their interaction forms family bonds and creates fond memories."

If kids are older and they are "plugged in," try the newest trivia game that incorporates the DVD player from the popular Scene It?(TM) brand of games. Scene It?TM Jr. is the first-ever DVD-based board game for teens and tweens all about pop culture with movie, music, TV and sports trivia.

Finally, try bringing the entire family together, from grandparents to kids, and introduce a new generation to the classic card game Skip-Bo(R). The card game that combines skill, strategy and fun celebrates its 40th anniversary with a deluxe version. The object of the game is to be the first player to get rid of their cards by playing them in numerical sequence from one to 12.

PARTY GAMES

Games provide a way for adults to socialize and uniquely entertain, get to know their friends and have fun. Find out if friends can come up with clever definitions from made-up words and phrases with Balderdash(TM), the bluffing game where players try to fool each other.

Bluff answers can be really zany, leading to lots of laughter and hilarious fun. But sometimes the real answer is the wackiest of

them all.

Or, try a new spin on an updated old favorite with Outburst(R) Remix, the game of verbal explosions where teams compete to yell out 10 words listed under a given topic. This latest version of Outburst features updated content, hot topics and packaging. For example the game includes a topic, "Idol Chatter" where players are asked to name people that have appeared on the popular television show "American Idol."

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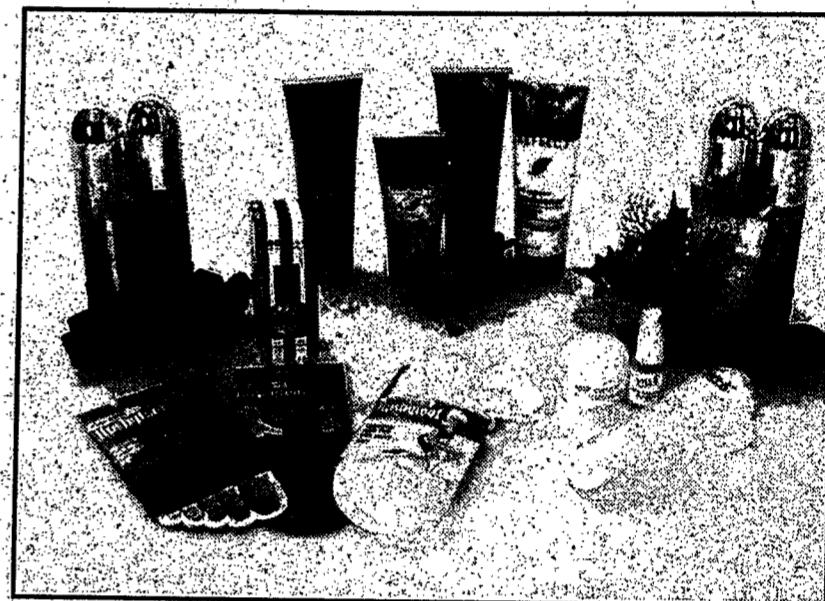
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Pamper Those on Your Gift List This Holiday

inding the elusive "perfect" holiday gift is a challenge. That could be why year after year the special people in your life receive drawerfuls of well-intended but unused items.

This holiday season is all about giving gifts those special people in your life can use ... like the gift of pampering. We're not talking about the decadent, over-the-top, break-the-bank pricey, timely indulgences. In fact, it's the quick, convenient little things that someone can do in the privacy of their home that have the most impact. So when you're out shopping, remember: Whether it's your significant other, your mother, sibling, best friend, babysitter, dog walker or child's teacher, a tiny bit of self-induced TLC goes a long way!

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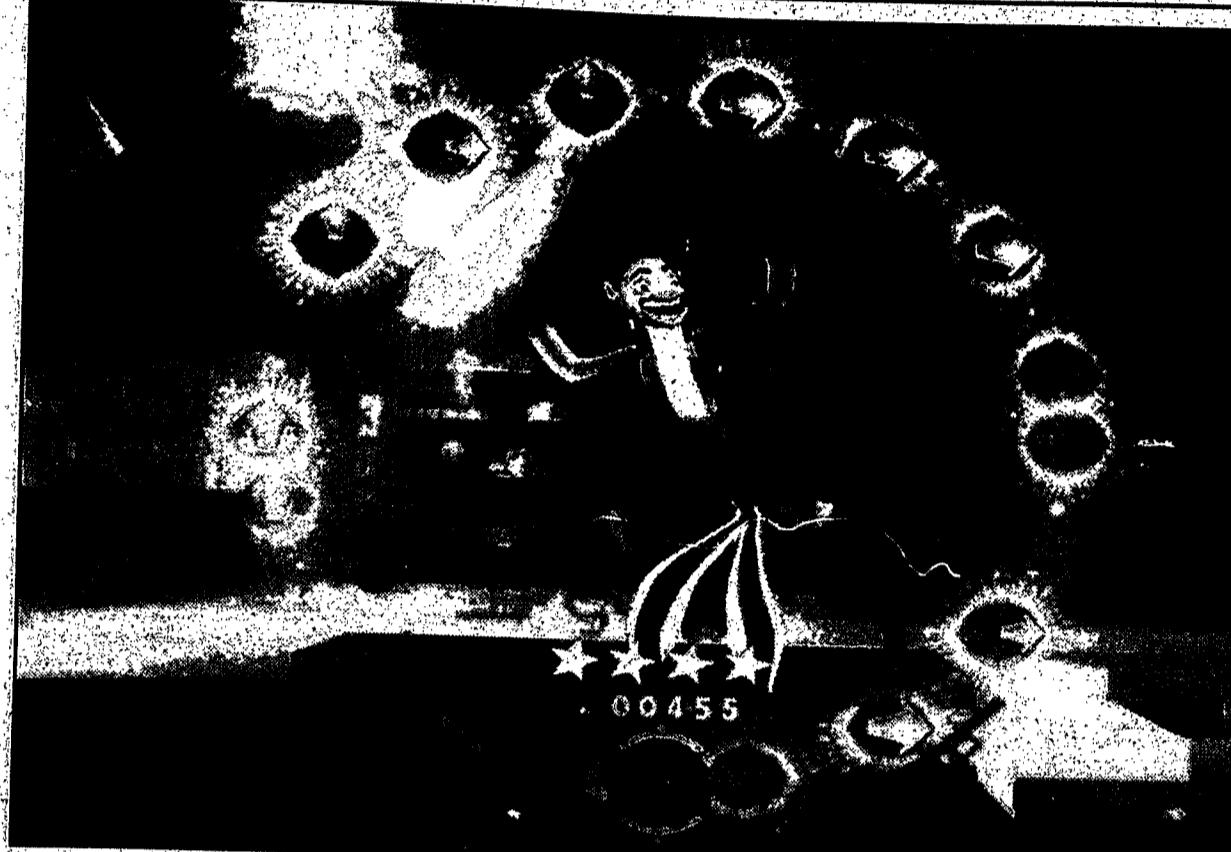
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Movie-based video games like "DreamWorks' Shark Tale" (at left) and "Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events" (at right) make fun and educational gifts.

Video Games Make Great Gifts

This year, take the guesswork out of holiday shopping by choosing video games that are appropriate for kids of all ages. But with so many on the market, how do you know which ones to choose? Why not turn to family-friendly, movie-based video games perfect for holiday gift giving.

Based on two of the year's hottest family films, "DreamWorks' Shark Tale" and "Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events," the video games of the same name will provide hours of family entertainment long after the holidays have passed.

"DreamWorks' Shark Tale" builds on the fun of the feature film by putting gamers in the role of Oscar, a bigger-than-life fish working his way up the food chain, who becomes an unlikely hero as he searches for fame and fortune. With a blend of original and film-inspired gameplay, players immerse themselves in a hip, underwater urban culture set in the gritty Reef City. It features a funky, film-inspired soundtrack that includes popular artists such as Outkast, Sean Paul and

Ziggy Marley.

Once kids emerge from the colorful, underwater world of "DreamWorks' Shark Tale," they can embark on a darker adventure, taking on the roles of the Baudelaire orphans in the "Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events" video game. Based on the book series and the film starring Jim Carrey, Jude Law and

Meryl Streep, this game lets players experience the misadventures of the savvy and resilient Baudelaire orphans. These games are available for the PlayStation(R)2 computer entertainment system, the Xbox(R) video game system from Microsoft, the Nintendo(R) GameCube(TM), Game Boy Advance and the PC at Walmart, Toys R Us.

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Just because Grandma or Grandpa may be older doesn't mean they won't enjoy a gift that's hip. Today's seniors are healthier, more active and more technologically savvy than ever, and gifts should reflect that changing attitude. Here are a few ideas to get you started when holiday shopping for the favorite senior in your life, whether it be a parent, grandparent, next-door neighbor or friend.

GIFTS FROM THE HEART

- * Anything involving the grandchildren is sure to be a winner. Have them draw a picture or write a note.
- * Copy or restore old photographs and frame them.
- * For crafty types, make your own afghan blanket, quilt or throw.
- * Compile an updated family photo album, or have your family pose for portraits. Put the photos in frames decorative



Give the senior in your life a gift that will be put to good use.

ed by the kids.

* Create a calendar using family photos. Most photo stores can create one for a moderate price.

* Put together a box or album with the family's favorite recipes.

* Gift certificates for a monthly maid service (to be done by you or a cleaning service) will help keep their

outdoor steps can provide safety for the senior and peace of mind for you.

* An air-purifying system can be especially helpful for seniors with respiratory concerns.

* Gift certificates for a monthly maid service (to be done by you or a cleaning service) will help keep their

house sparkling, even if they aren't fit enough to do so themselves.

* A bathtub railing can be a life-saving gift.

* Install a home alarm system for seniors living alone.

* A coupon book will last for many months after the holidays.

* A gift subscription to a newspaper or favorite magazine makes a good gift for readers.

If you're still having trouble deciding on an appropriate gift, do a little research on who you're buying for. Chances are you already know the person's likes and dislikes simply through everyday conversation. Think about what interests them, their hobbies and what they enjoy. You may also have to consider physical limitations. For instance, maybe Grandma loves literature but has poor eyesight. A large-print book or an audio book

can be just the gift to make her smile.

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For tickets to a play, wrap the tickets with a CD or DVD of the production.

* Chefs can never have enough cooking supplies. Fill a wok with fortune cookies, soy sauce, rice and noodles. For your cookie fiend, assemble a cookie-making set of a cookie sheet, cookie cutters and a spatula. Ice-cream

junkies always need a fix. Fill a large bowl with a scoop, sprinkles, cherries and other toppings for making sundaes. Novelty cooking goods like Belgian waffle irons, popcorn poppers, ice-cream freezers, sandwich presses, French fryers or cotton-candy makers will also be a hit.

* There's no such thing as

too many picture frames. Fill frames with pictures of your family or the recipient and you for a gift that will be treasured.

* Pull from the spirit of the season. Holiday music, ornaments or table decorations will all be used.

Make Your Christmas Tree Safe

What would Christmas be without the family gathered around the tree to open presents? Christmas trees are a symbol of the holiday and a major focus of seasonal decorating.

Not only do they fill your house with an inviting pine scent, Christmas trees act as a focal and gathering point for the family.

When you purchase your Christmas tree from a vendor or cut your own from a tree farm, heed the important advice to keep it well watered. This will help maintain its fresh fragrance and deep color through the holiday, as well as prevent it from

becoming a fire hazard.

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, a department of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Christmas trees account for more than

400 fires annually, resulting in deaths, injuries and millions of dollars in home damage. Typically these fires are started by shorts in the electrical system of tree lights, candle flames, or matches and lighters ignited near tree limbs. Well-watered trees can fend off a fire.

Dry, neglected trees have the propensity to go up like a torch. It takes only seconds for a tree fire to spread to

uncontrollable levels. To prevent the possibility of fire in your home, play it safe with your tree:

* Keep the pine tree stand filled with water, daily.

* Inspect electrical lines for shorts or frayed wiring.

* Do not use lit candles on your tree — you're asking for trouble.

* Keep open flames, cigarettes and other fire-inducing objects away from the tree.

* Place your tree away from radiators, heaters, or fireplaces so it won't dry out as quickly or catch fire.

* If your tree already shows signs of dryness, remove it from your house.

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